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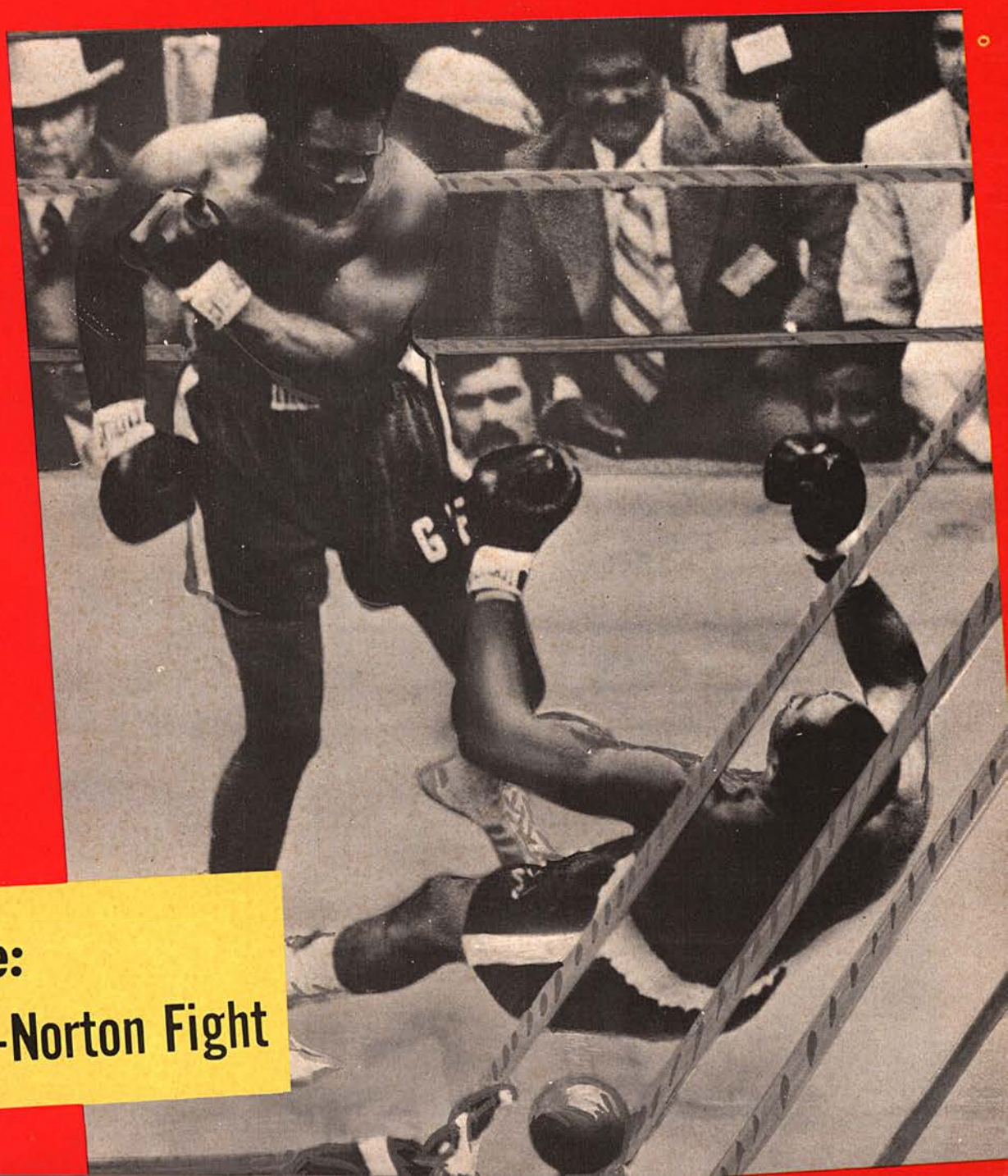

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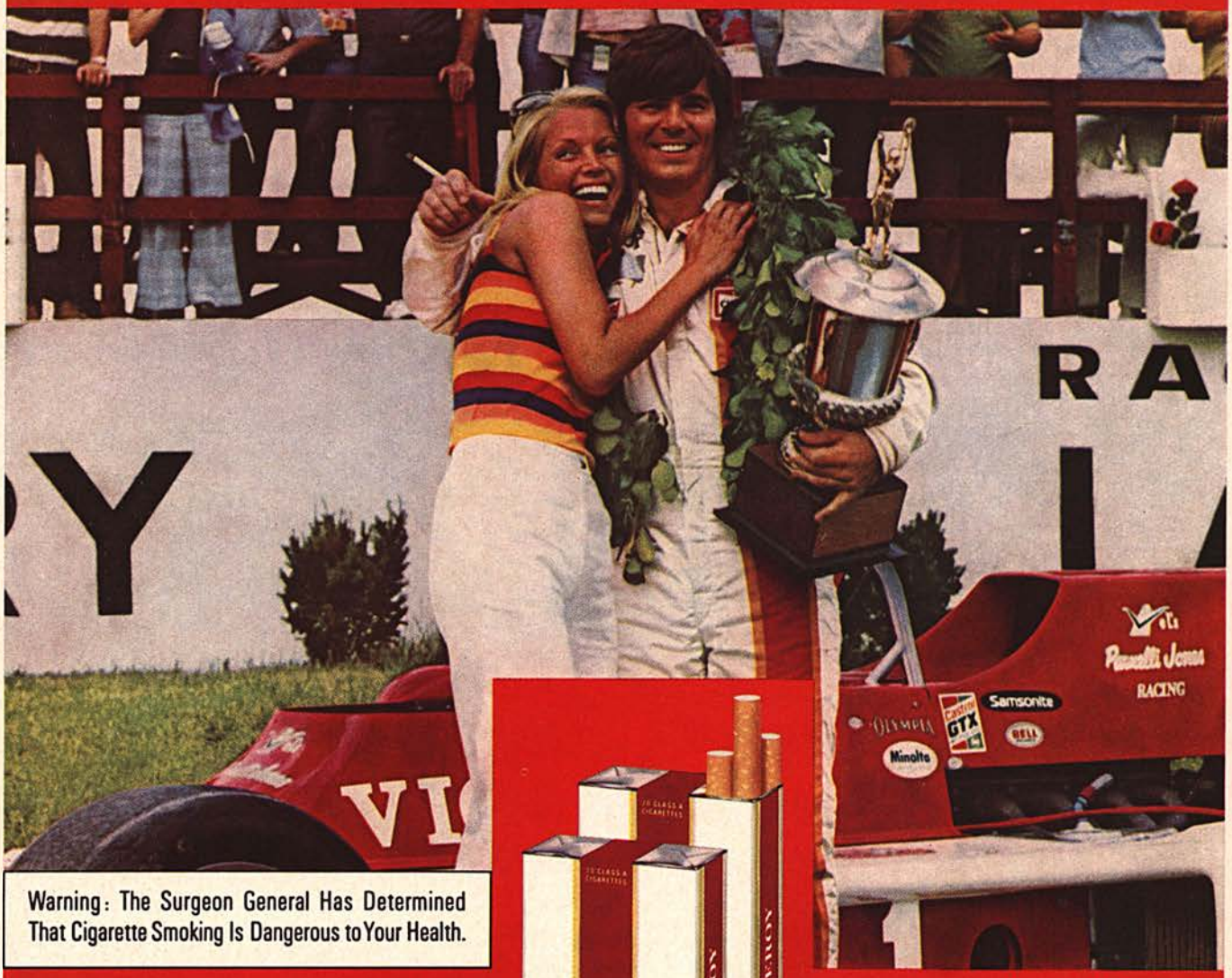

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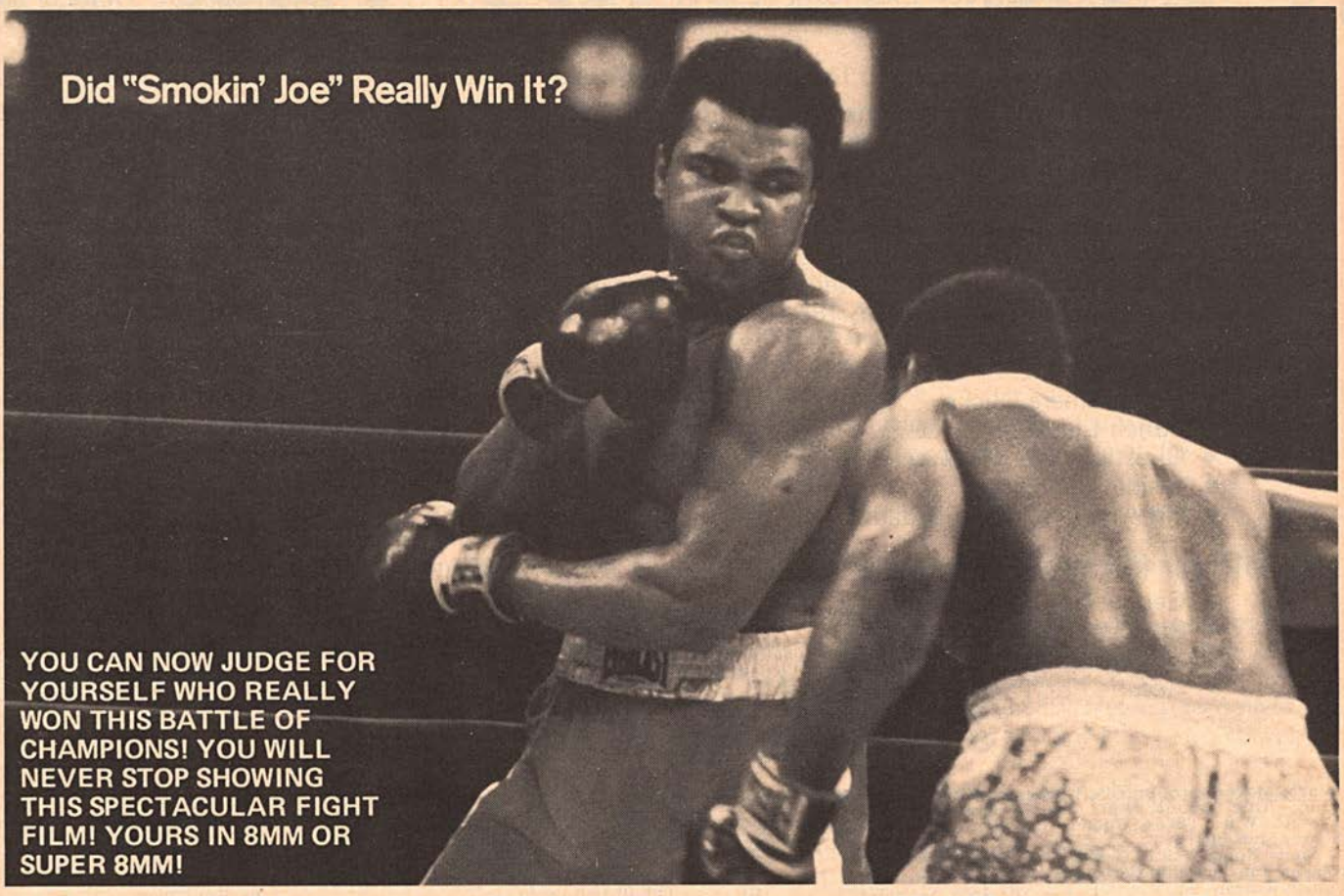

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AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

WHEN a professional boxer wins a world championship, UNDISPUTED, INTERNATIONALLY STRONG AND FIRM, the Ring Magazine gives him an expensive belt. This practice was originated by the late Nat Fleischer and has resulted in the presentation of more than 250 trophies of victory and world wide dignity.

For some time the Ring has had no fewer than five championship belts in its safe. Presentation had been delayed by a variety of reasons, the major one being the distance between New York and Panama.

No fewer than four of the belts belonged to fighters from Panama. The fifth belt had yet to be presented to George Foreman, the world heavyweight champion.

A movement grew in the Ring office to have them land, as soon as possible, in the proper hands.

Up from Panama to the New York offices of the Ring came Pedro Sanchez and Dr. Cordova, the two man commission which runs boxing in Panama, and other representatives of the Land of the Ditch.

The outcome of this conference was an invitation to me to come to Panama and present the four belts before the world lightweight championship fight between Roberto Duran and Esteban De Jesus.

The presentations were guaranteed, or so it appeared, gala honors by their being accepted by the television feature called the "Wide World Of Sports" with Howard Cosell doing the talking and myself in the ring with the four belt recipients.

I flew down to Panama and on the eve of the fight made a half hour broadcast which went off beautifully. The following day, however, I was thrown hints that all was not well.

Somebody called Lieut. Col. Ruben Paredes, whose local authority was labeled not Boxing but "Recreation," had thrown a monkey wrench into the program.

By order, not of Sanchez and Cordova, but of Lieutenant Col. Paredes, I was not to be allowed to make public presentation of belts to Ismael Laguna, former lightweight champion, Roberto Duran, current leader of that class, Alfonso (Peppermint) Frazier, former jr. welter king, and Enrique Pender, former bantam title holder.

Lieut. Col. Paredes, who had a friendly interest in Ernesto Marcel, erstwhile featherweight claimant, not recognized by the Ring as a champion, said to his commission that the presentation program could not be carried out unless Marcel also received a belt.

I told all concerned that since Marcel never had been recognized as featherweight champion by the Ring, no belt had been provided for him and no belt could be presented to him in any circumstances.

No belt could be presented to Marcel in the name of the Ring even if a million dollars were offered.

Lieut. Col. Paredes, not connected with the Panama Boxing Commission, was obdurate.

A belt for Marcel, or no public presentation to Laguna, Pender, Duran and Frazier.

If the lieutenant colonel was obdurate, so was I. I had been invited by the Panama Boxing Commission to present belts to four heroes of Panama boxing history and I was going to give them their belts or, for all I gave a hoot, Lieut. Col. Paredes could go jump in the ditch.

My stand was backed up by Bobby Lee, head of the World Boxing Association, and Bill Brennan, his assistant and adviser, who were present.

Sanchez and Dr. Cordova, who had invited me to make the presentations, appeared to be in a panic. Good men and honest, they did not know which way to turn. They wanted me to leave the belts and go home, quietly.

However, I had been invited to present belts to four men of recognized world championship fame around the world, and I was going to make the presentations as arranged, or I would take the trophies back to New York and make other arrangements.

I was not going to allow a man labelled "Recreation" to override the Boxing Commission and its invitation to me.

Lieut. Col. Paredes had taken an unconscionable stand and deprived former great Panama world champions from getting their long awaited recognition in the planned presentations.

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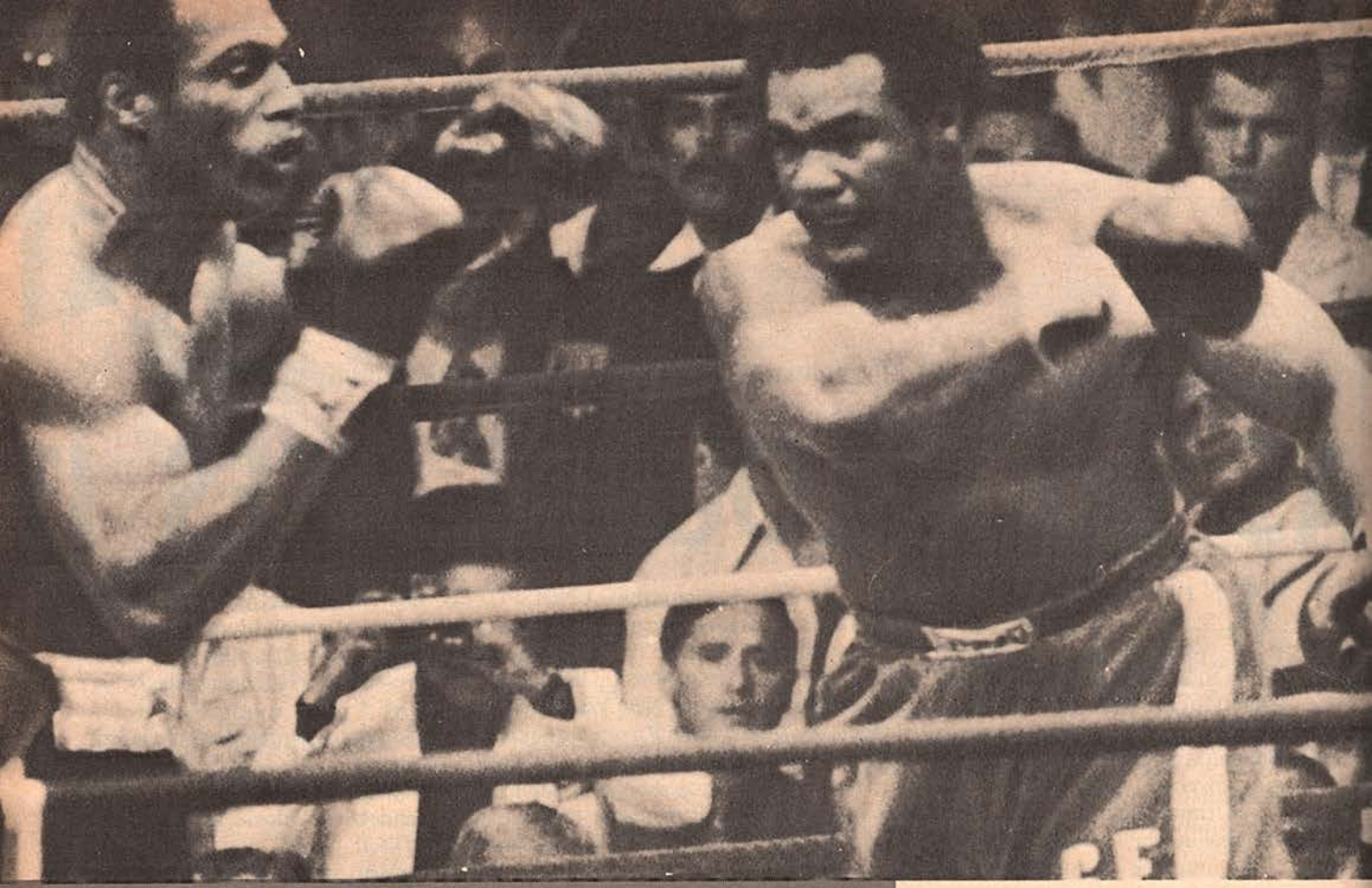
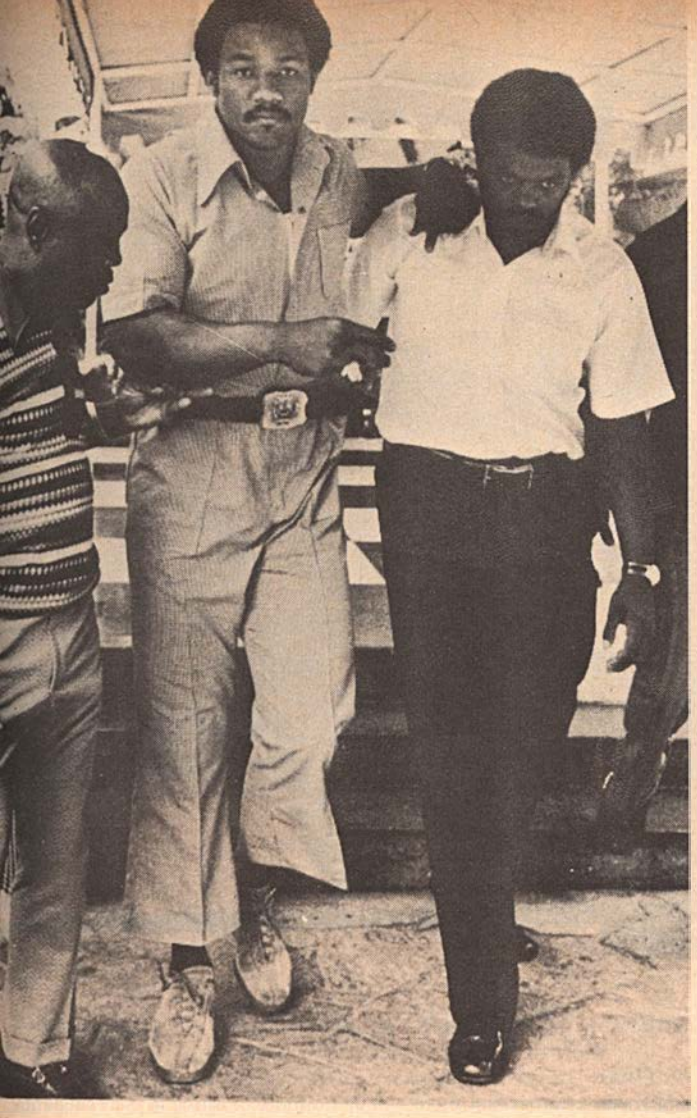


FOREMAN SUPREME AFTER 2nd ROUND KO OVER NORTON

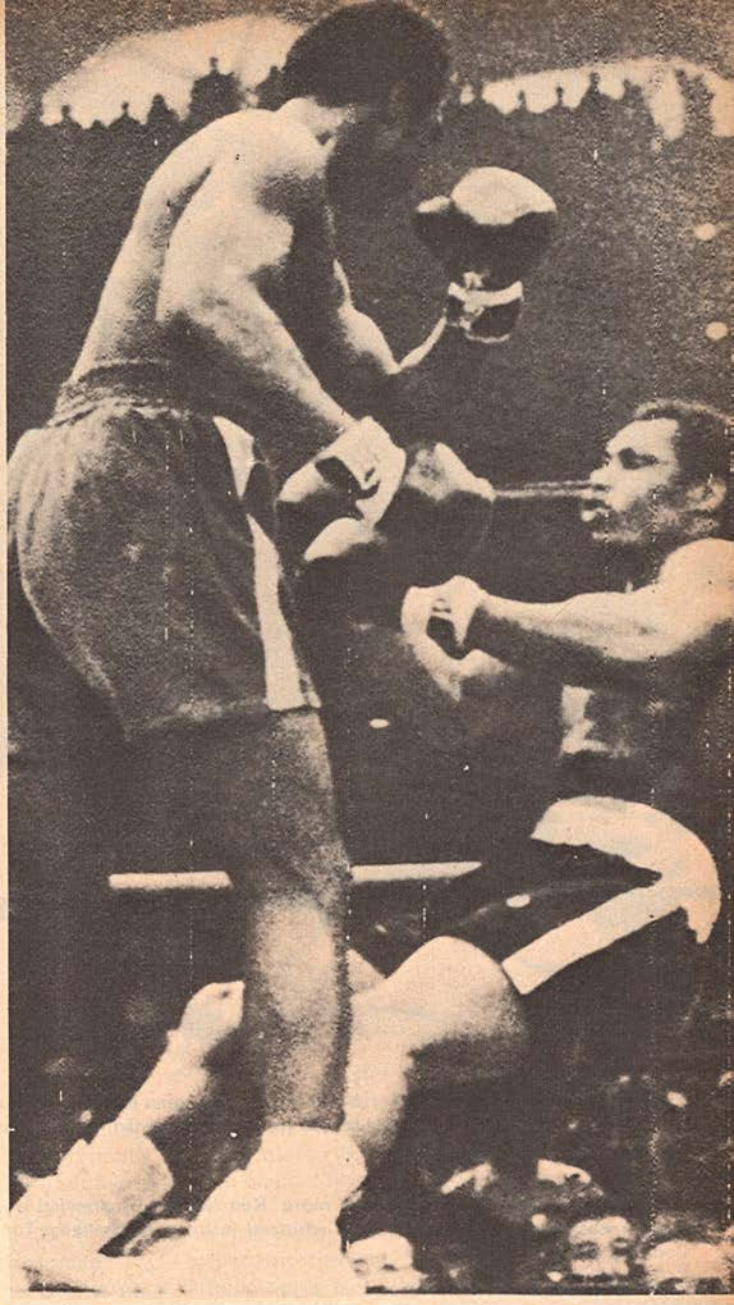
By DANIEL M. DANIEL

It is the fatal second round,—fatal for Norton. Foreman follows through after a right to the head. It came in a rough barrage.

Below we find champion Foreman placing his chief asset, a right,—on display before he knocked out Ken Norton at Caracas. George shows a stylish split mustache.



True or just a ploy? George Foreman is headed for Caracas hospital with some sort of reported injury which threatens to call off fight (if he does not get American referee.)



The last punch! George sends Norton out of the fight at 2 minutes of second round. Ken is heading for his third knockdown in that round.

TO George Foreman, heavyweight champion of the world, went the major laurels in his brief, two round encounter with Ken Norton, in Venezuela.

To Norton went the slightly comforting second money and a second round thrashing which forced American referee Jim Rondeau to go through the motions of stopping a fight which already had ceased to be.

To Muhammad Ali went the role of the complete dromio. From a favored spot at the ringside, Cassius entertained the adjacent fans with the revised Clay routine which, just before the fight, featured a derogation of George Foreman as a technician, as a champion and as a forthcoming opponent of Muhammad himself.

Foreman achieved a 100 percent fistic assassination of Norton, knocking him down thrice after an innocuous first round.

Innocuous? Well, not completely. George landed a right in that opening heat which gave Norton disturbing notice of impending doom.

In the second round Norton's skill as a boxer availed him nothing. He was pummeled, he was demolished, he was barraged time and again thoroughly, and he fell out of the top rank of heavyweights into which he had fought himself with two 12 round fights with Muhammad Ali. It will be recollected that in the first of those fights, at San Diego, Ken fractured Ali's jaw.

In the Foreman venture, Norton kept his right hand in escrow, and soon it was too late to bring it out of hiding.

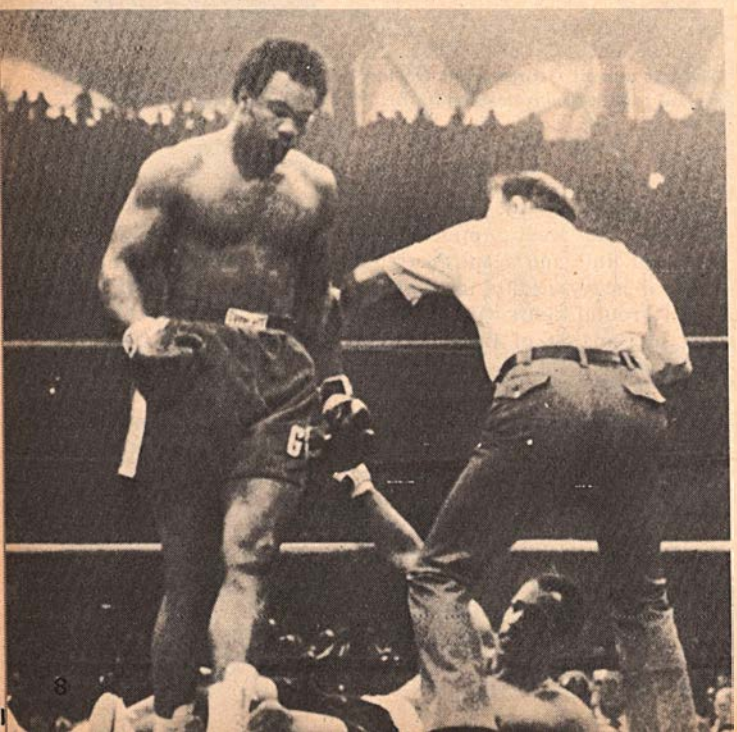
The Caracas fight produced something never before seen in a heavyweight championship brawl: a standing count.

The referee brought this innovation in from amateur boxing to mark knockdown No. 1.

It was apparent that Foreman, who had been insisting on an American referee in a strange land, had used the pinched sciatic nerve ploy and threat of calling off the fight as a club in order to get Rondeau, who had been summoned by Saddler

The end of an imperfect day for Ken Norton. Foreman has crashed the challenger into a corner and there will be no more crashing in that encounter. Referee Jim Rondeau has decided to call it off and Foreman is well aware that his job for the night is finished. Africa, here I come!

Second round and there will be no more. Ken Norton is sprawled on the Caracas canvas after having been whipped in his brief challenge for George's championship.



two days before the fight. A Venezuelan had been assured that he was the man.

In discussing his stoppage of the fight, Rondeau said that Norton's corner had asked him to end the slaughter after the third knockdown.

"They did not have to ask me to stop the fight," Rondeau explained. "Norton was finished."

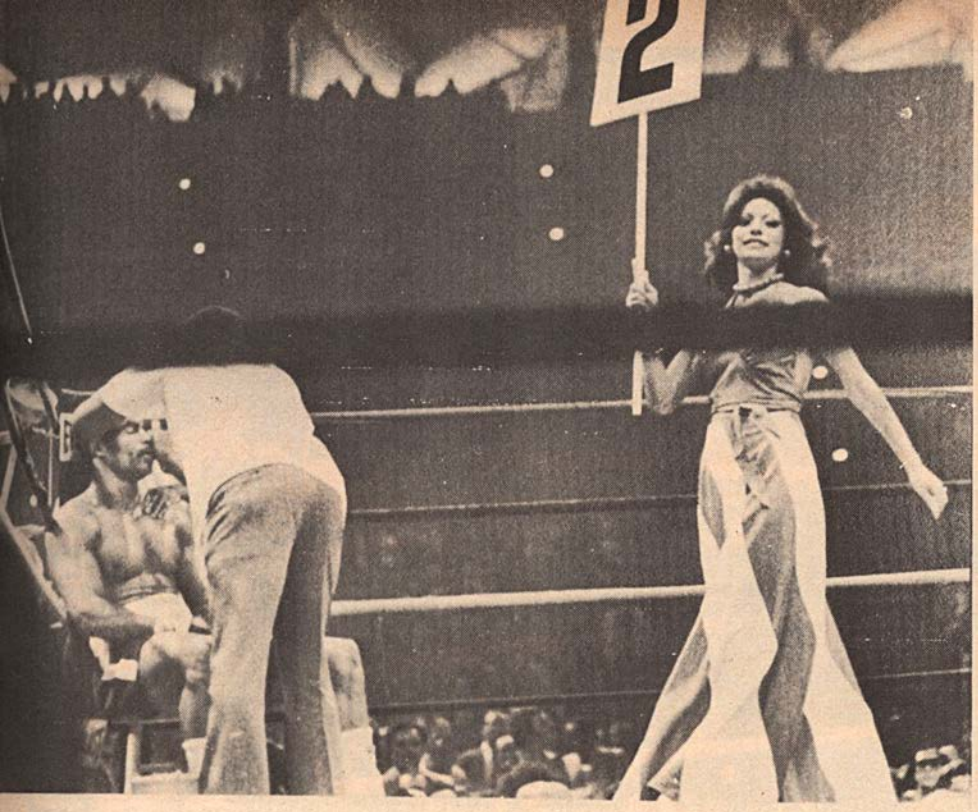
Under the generally accepted rule dismissing a fighter who had been decked thrice in one round, Norton would have been called out had that rule been in force. But it had been removed from the articles for the encounter.

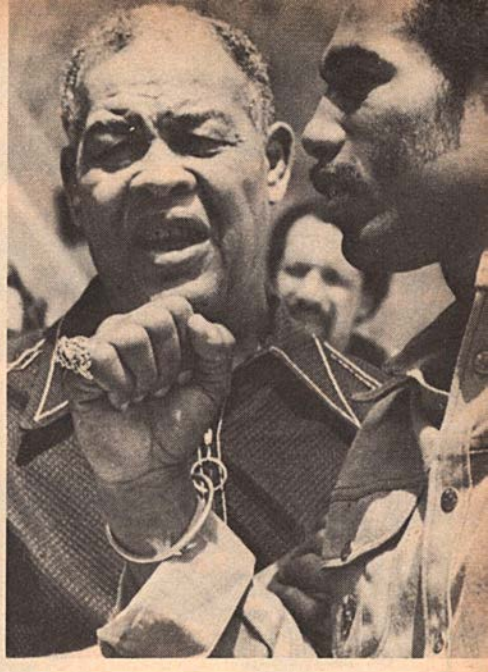
What was the fight doing in Caracas? It appears that at this time Foreman, beset by investors in his future who had bought "pieces" of him from Sandy Saddler, who had run out of eating money, has to evade American court orders.

How long will this American embargo last? Perhaps Foreman will end it with some of the $5,000,000 he reportedly is to get for fighting Muhammad Ali in Nashana, Zaire, Africa, in what was formerly Belgian Congo.

The epilogue to the Caracas fight makes the most amazing story in the history of boxing.

Video Technique, which undoubtedly lost money on the Foreman-Norton fight and its closed circuit television adventure, has offered Foreman and Muhammad Ali $10,000,000 for a title fight at Zaire.





On left the beautiful gal who toured the ring with the round numbers. She had to appear only once, to announce Round No. 2. Above, the announcer is telling the fans that among the celebrities present is Joe Louis, who tells the world that Foreman and Norton are great fighters.

The live gate from a fight in what used to be called Leopoldville would not be big enough to figure prominently in the grand take, which would beat the record of $17,000,000 set by Ali and Joe Frazier. Perhaps that closed circuit triumph went even better than $17,000,000.

Video Technique has alloted another million to the kitty for the Foreman-Ali engagement.

Clay already has received $350,000 as earnest money and Foreman reportedly has received $250,000 which, says the story out of the West, the champion has signed over to his wife as a reward for giving George a divorce.

Video Technique has acquired a new vice president, Don King, of Cleveland, former pilot of Earnie Shavers. About King's history, which includes imprisonment on a manslaughter charge, the less said the better.

King appears to have become a big financier and his efforts now are directed toward the fantastic adventure in the old Congo.

President of Video Technique is Hank Schwartz. Also involved is Barry Burnstein and now King appears in the picture in an apparently major role.

The money for the Zaire adventure seems to be coming from abroad.

Reports include big money names from London and Switzerland. Missing from the lineup is Jack Kent Cooke, of California, whose guarantee of $4,000,000 made possible the record take of the Ali-Frazier bonanza, and who was pushed by a variety of circumstances out of the rematch.

Where was Madison Square Garden while all this was cooking for Africa?

When the proposition was presented to Mike Burke, the new Garden chief, he is reported to have begged off with the explanation that it was too big a financial undertaking.

It would appear that the Garden has been reduced to a minor role in major boxing.

Bob Arum, New York barrister who usually is involved in heavyweight manuevers, also has been silent on Zaire. Is it possible that Bob has been outflanked this time?

Foreman's spectacular victory over Norton makes Muhammad Ali once again the financial winner by the toil of rival fighters.

In the wake of the Caracas bout many experts still find Foreman's style target for criticism.

It is apparent that George is no boxer. But he is big,—6 feet 2 inches, and 224 pounds, he is powerful, he hits with sledge hammer force. Pushing, punching all the time, disregarding the boxing book whenever he so desires, he can laugh at the experts and become a multimillionaire.

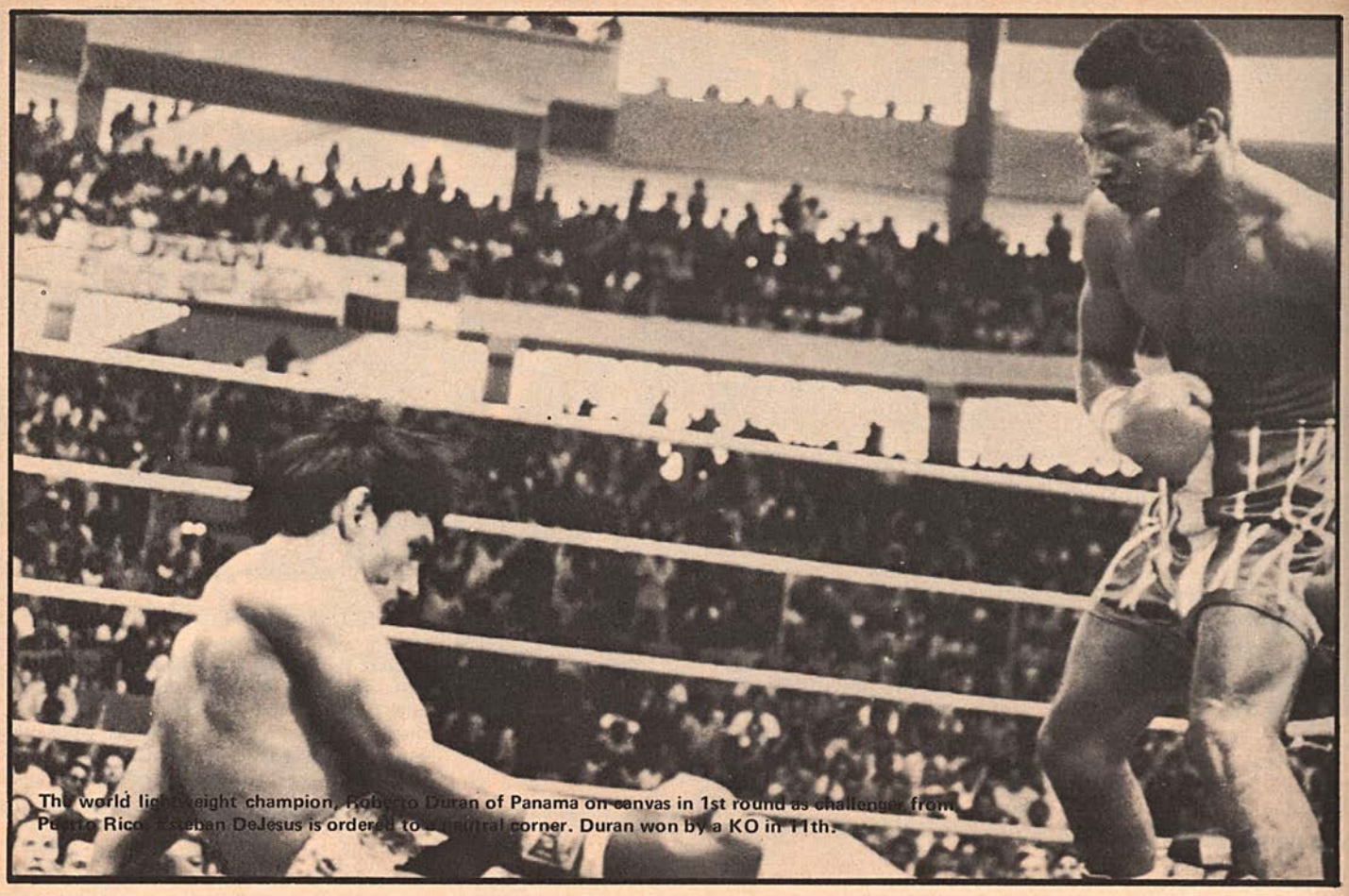
He talks little, he threatens no one, he believes he has a great trainer in Archie Moore, he disdains the playboy role. He seems likely to beat Clay.

True, Muhammad makes opponents look bad. But if and when they meet at Zaire, the job for George will be to catch Ali and the job for Clay will be to make his slowing legs carry him through. Analysis of the Zaire picture leaves one in utter disbelief regarding the money involved, the out of the way spot picked for the exploit.

The live gate at Nashanah would be negligible. There is a stadium seating more than 100,000 in the African venue. But how many paying guests would the fight have there? At Caracas, in a new arena, there were only 8,000 at the Foreman-Norton bout.

However, on the wings of electronic science and satellite TV, heavyweight title boxing has gone off on a money binge. With the good old USA looking on in stupor and amazement.

The records achieved by Tex Rickard and Mike Jacobs are reduced to puny entries in a faded account book.



The world lightweight champion, Roberto Duran of Panama on canvas in 1st round as challenger from Puerto Rico, Esteban DeJesus is ordered to a neutral corner. Duran won by a KO in 11th.

DURAN KAYOES DeJESUS IN 11 WEIGHT A MAJOR PROBLEM

By NAT LOUBET

WORLD lightweight champion Roberto Duran put his title on the line in Panama's new arena before an STO 16,000 crowd that jammed the "New Gymnasium". The "Rock" from Panama almost bought it in the first round when the 22 year old champ walked into a long left hook as he and his challenger Esteban DeJesus of Puerto Rico moved out of a toe to toe exchange of left and right hands. Duran took the mandatory 8 count and fought his way out of trouble.

The champ rallied from this first round knockdown to take charge of the fight which after the early rounds became more and more Duran's.

The champion successfully defended his crown by knocking out DeJesus in the 11th session with a left hook to the head, a left hook to the jaw, and a right to the head, which dropped the challenger for the final count. He was more exhausted than hurt and sat on his haunches as referee Isaac Herrera signalled that the contest was over.

This was the fourth time Duran had been successful in defending the title he won from Ken Buchanan on June 26, 1972, in New York's Madison Square Garden.

The only other knockdown in the fight occurred in the 7th round when DeJesus, showing the ravages of a weakened physical condition, was slowing down and being beaten to the punch.

Duran was also doing the harder hitting at this phase of the contest. In this round the champ received a bruised left cheekbone and cut over his left eye.

The DeJesus knockdowns in the 7th and 11th rounds marked the only times that Esteban has ever been on the canvas in his professional career.

As early as the 9th and 10th round DeJesus, at 23 years old, was washed up. He had run out of gas. In the 10th he told Gregorio Benitez, his manager: "I'm finished, I can't go any further."

His manager told him that they had come to fight and that was what they were going to do.

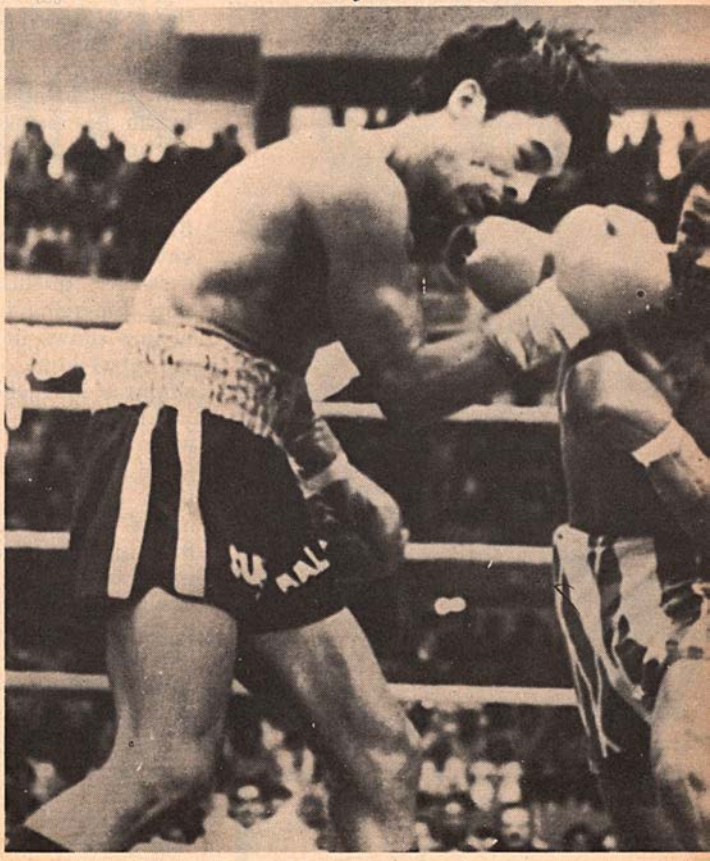
The fight went on, if not for long. With the knockout accomplished, the arena became a wall of sound. During the fight two waves of frenzied shouting, aided by visual displays such as Puerto Rican and Panamanian flags and signs, were in constant evidence. At each punch delivered by Duran a chant would begin: "Dur-rr-an! Durr-an!!"

The fight started at a torrid pace with Duran missing many of his punches, but as the scrap progressed he found the range and began to get on target more and more effectively.

The fourth and fifth rounds were the only slow ones but they were more than made up for by the action in the other

Above: Duran walks to neutral corner after knocking DeJesus to canvas in 11th round of their scheduled 15 round title fight. Esteban had also been on the deck in the 7th round.

Right: One of the more torrid sessions as DeJesus, right, bores in slashing his way through the Duran defense to land a solid left hook. Minutes later Duran was down for a mandatory 8 count for the only time he was floored in the contest.



Left to right, Nat Loubet, Ring Editor, Bobby Lee, WBA President, and Bill Brennan, Championship Rating Chairman for the WBA; In Panama for the big fight.

heats.

Duran has now had 42 fights with 35 knockouts and but one loss to his credit, that to DeJesus in 1972. DeJesus has a total of 43 fights with two loses; one to Antonio Gomez and this one to Duran.

Benitez, DeJesus's manager, had applied for postponements on several occasions, the latest of which was for a split lip. Both requests were turned down by the Panama Boxing Commission and the fight went on as scheduled for 15 rounds.

Prior to the fight, in a telecast at Panama City, the writer stated that Duran was the favorite because DeJesus was having weight problems and might come into the fight in a weakened physical condition. DeJesus was defeated as much by exhaustion as by the punching of Duran. The heat was terrific.

Contacted after the fight, Benitez stated that it was not a weight problem but sickness in DeJesus's family that had prevented him from starting to train sufficiently early and hard enough to get into top shape.

The fact remains that Esteban did prove to be weak and that he did have a tough time in making the weight. His weight at ringtime, 134½, had been a chore; he had been forced to take off some 15 pounds. Duran reached his 134½ weight with no strain.

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OBED AIMS TO BE 1st CHAMP FROM BAHAMAS

By HANK KAPLAN

MIAMI, FLA.—In 1952, a middleweight with the unlikely name of Yama Bahama sailed out of Bimini in the Bahamas to become one of the most respected 160-pounders of the boxing television era. Overlapping Yama's period of domination was Gomeo Brennan, another middleweight from the West Indian Islands whose presence extended discomfort for various title challenges during the sixties.

Now the chain of Islands known as the Bahamas, has produced a fighter in the same weight classification possessing the necessary qualifications for contendership. Emerging from the popular Island boxing shows in Nassau is Elisha Obed, the latest hope of the tiny country now aiming at independence.

Like Bahama and Brennan, who both were graduated to world class ratings, Obed is nearing this status but his aspirations exceed his predecessors' achievements. Elisha hopes to become the first Bahamian to become recognized as a world champion. His inspiration and following don't come small. He has the Bahamian populace of 119,000 cheering him on.

In addition, he is in constant thought of his family, a young family void of a father's aid and comprised of five sisters and four brothers. Elisha is cognizant of the economic contributions he can provide his family through the opportunities afforded him by fighting.

Behind all is the urge to fulfill these dreams. He had to terminate his education at age 14 in order to help sustain a growing family whose mother found employment at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Nassau, the capital and chief port of the Bahamas.

Currently the welterweight champion of the Bahamas by virtue of a 15-round points victory over Ray Minus in the summer of 1971 on Arawak Cay off Nassau, Elisha is undefeated as a professional boxer after 38 outings. Among his victims have been former welterweight champ of the Bahamas, Ray Minus, Sugar Cliff, who has met some of the big boys, Bert Woods, twice, Sandy Torres of Puerto Rico and Don Frazer of Kingston, Jamaica.

Elisha cleaned up on Bahamian welterweights several years ago so imports are commonplace in order to maintain activity. Since the Bahamas are in close proximity to Florida, local promoters have drawn from Miami's more venturesome journeyman welters and junior middleweights as opposition. To date, Elisha has 23 knockouts among his 38 ring engagements and it is becoming distinctly obvious that fighters in his division are finding him distasteful. In the recent past, several opponents of high callibre have copped out of matches when his reputa-

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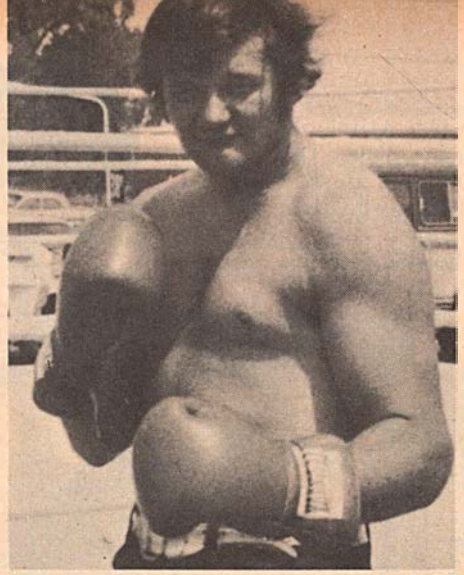
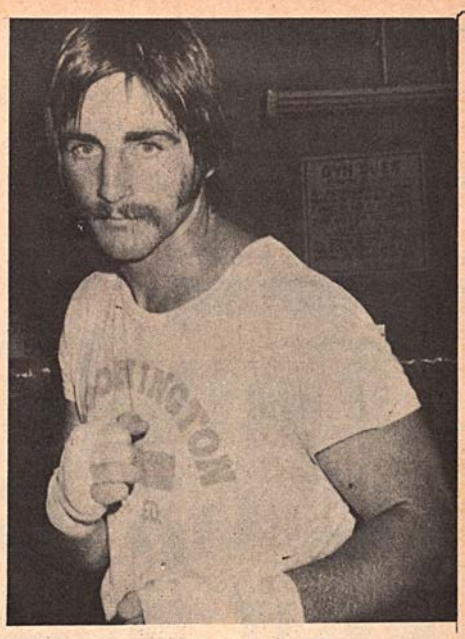
Obed demonstrates his fighting pose.

(Above) Here's Bahamian Elisha Obed working on the heavy bag. (Below) Elisha gets some tips from mentor Moe Fleischer.

Duane Bobick, who is cutting a wide swath among the heavies.



Brother Rod Bobick, whose manager claims he's the better of the two.



Mike Morgan, a middleweight, who is an excellent boxer and should go places.

DUANE, ROD BOBICK GOPHER STANDOUTS

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

ST. PAUL, Minn.–The State of Minnesota has been fortunate recently to have had four of its outstanding fighters named as prospects of the month by The Ring.

The four are heavyweight brothers Duane and Rodney Bobick of Bowlus, Minn., Tom Van Hoof, heavyweight from Winona, Minn., and middleweight Mike Morgan, of Richfield.

As of this writing the four have a combined record of 62 wins, 6 losses, and 2 draws, which is an indication of why The Ring has given them honors.

Duane Bobick, of course, is the most celebrated of the group. Bobick was named prospect in the November 1973 Ring. Duane's amateur record is well known. He compiled and outstanding record of 93-10, winning the following championships: Olympic Trials, National Golden Gloves, All Navy (3), All Service (2), Pan American, A.A.U., Council International Sports Military (2), North American, Carolina A.A.U., Hawaii Golden Gloves, and West Coast Navy.

Since turning pro under the direction of Denver sportsman Bill Daniels in early 1973, Duane has turned in 13 wins in a row without a loss, all by knockouts.

In his pro start in Minneapolis in April 10, 1973, Duane knocked out Tommy Burns in one. In order, since then, Bobick has kayoed William Anderson 3, Jimmy Williams 5, Clyde Brown 2, Doug Kirk 2, Sylvester Murphy 1, Ned Edwards 3, Chuck Borden 1, G.G. Maldonado 2, Manuel Ramos 7, Ron Draper 4, Orvin Veazey 2, and Roger Russell in 5.

Whether Duane Bobick will be able to erase the Olympic defeat to Teofilo Stevenson by reaching the top of the pro ranks remains to be seen. But his chances should be rated as good.

Rodney Bobick, Duanes younger brother, had a short amateur career where he ran up an 18-5 log without winning any major titles. But since turning pro on March 8, 1972, Rodney has put together a 22-3-0 record. Rodney was named prospect in the December 1972 issue of The Ring.

According to Rodney's braintrust, Gene Fesenmaier, Minneapolis businessman, Rodney is the real Bobick, which of course also remains to be seen. Fesenmaier has made Rodney one of the busiest fighters in the world though, traveling from coast to coast in the process.

So far Rodney has put the kayo on 12 of his opponents. Lou Bailey, Dan Johnson, Bob Scott, Lloyd Price, and Jim Calle are just a few to have fallen before the big guy. Decisions have been posted over John "Speedy" Jordan, Rico Brooks, Al Jones, John Clohessey, and Marc Hans.

Tom Van Hoof, who has grown from a middleweight to an extremely promising heavyweight.

Bobick's three loses came on close decisions to Terry Hinke, Raul Gorosito, and Dan Johnson in out-of-town bouts.

Rodney is a rough, strong battler who can box, punch, or wrestle in the heat of combat. If he can continue to make progress he just might make Fesenmaiers boast of being the real Bobick come true.

Tom Van Hoof is a smooth boxer from southern Minnesota who started pro

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By BILL KOWALCZYK

WON the title when he was 21 years old! At the old Veledrome in East Hartford, Connecticut. The crowd on hand was more than 30,000 paid. He won the featherweight championship from Andre Routis who came over to East Hartford from France.

Routis was soundly trounced by "Bat" who still possesses the animal-like type of fighting today that he had more than forty years ago, the likes of which has never been duplicated.

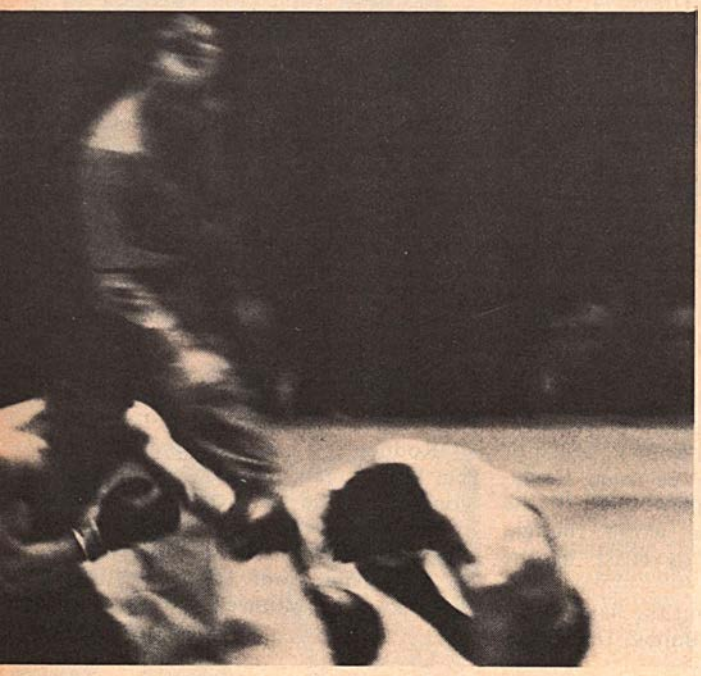
Battalino Is 65 But Still Tough

Christopher "Bat" Battalino, a name that will go down in fistic history as the gentle giant of the featherweight division. Although he was the toughest pound-for-pound fighter around, he was a complete soft-hearted, soft-spoken gentleman outside of the ring.

He would then, and still will, go at the drop of a slight suggestion to any affair, large or small, that would help anyone. "Bat" doesn't have a price—doesn't believe in making a business out of personal appearances.

He likes to be around people, he says, and his years since retiring from the ring have been good to him. "Most people my age (65) are satisfied with sitting around and wasting their lives away, not me," says "Bat" in his soft-spoken but rough

Above we see Battalino in the proud glory of the featherweight championship, displaying the belt emblematic of the world title. Below, Bat is declared winner of his fight with France's Andre Routis, whom he defeated decisively for feather laurels.



Battalino is shown in defense of the featherweight championship against Fidel La Barba, in New York's 50th Street Garden. There was no doubt about Bat's triumph and fistic class.

and tough voice. "I like to go somewhere different every chance I get and do things. It keeps me alive."

And strong and alive he is, as this writer as well as anyone who sees this well-conditioned ex-featherweight champion of 65 will verify.

His present weight is 165 and all muscle. In fact, "Bat" keeps fit by training in his own gym located next to his trophy room in the basement of his modest and paid-for home in West Hartford, Connecticut.

"Bat" doesn't drink or smoke and doesn't believe in soft work. He has been a construction worker for many years and can do his job no matter how tiresome and rough as well, and in most cases better than anyone forty years his junior.

Just recently we were told of an incident that took place at the site of the new Civic Center now going up in Hartford. "Bat", it seems, was in his usual good mood and was working at his famous whirlwind pace when three younger men just hired approached him and started giving him a hard time about his working habits.

It seems as though they were "gold brickers" and "Bat" couldn't loaf if he wanted to! Well, anyway, after an exchange of a few harsh words the trio, all in their late twenties, surrounded this famous ex-featherweight champ and began swinging.

A short time later it was all over and—you guessed it—"Bat" laid them all out cold. Someone is always trying to beat an ex-champion but let me give you readers some good advice, stay clear of Christopher "Bat" Battalino, he's something else!

Getting back to his well-kept home, "Bat" will, without hesitation, show his friends his trophy room where thirty or so awards are displayed, most of which were presented for his exploits in the ring as a champion. As we glanced over the long line of beautiful awards, I suddenly noticed a commendation plaque. As I began to read the gold print, his eyes glistened, as this was Christopher "Bat" Battalino's proudest award. It was an award he earned for saving a three-year old child from drowning in the Park River

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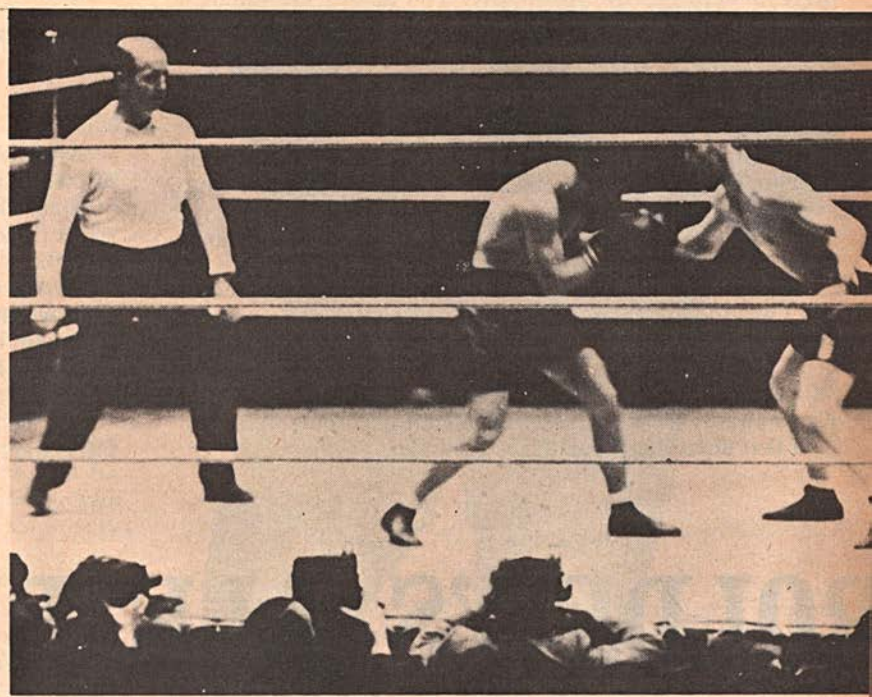
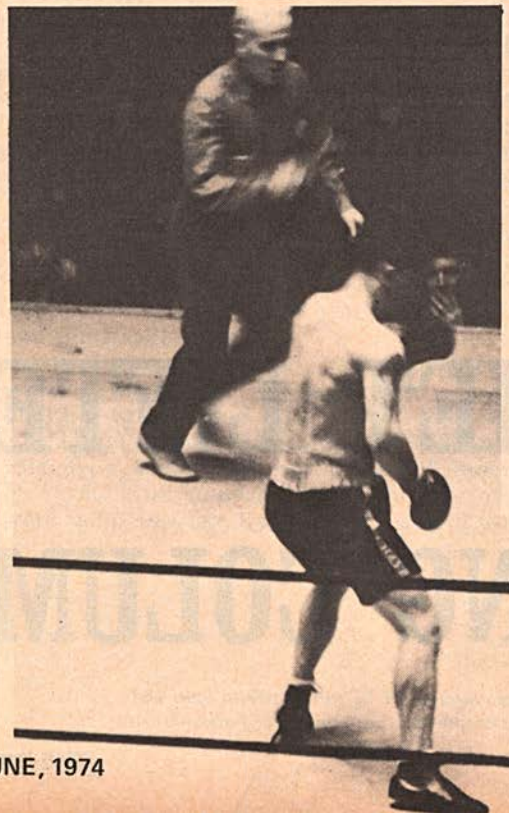
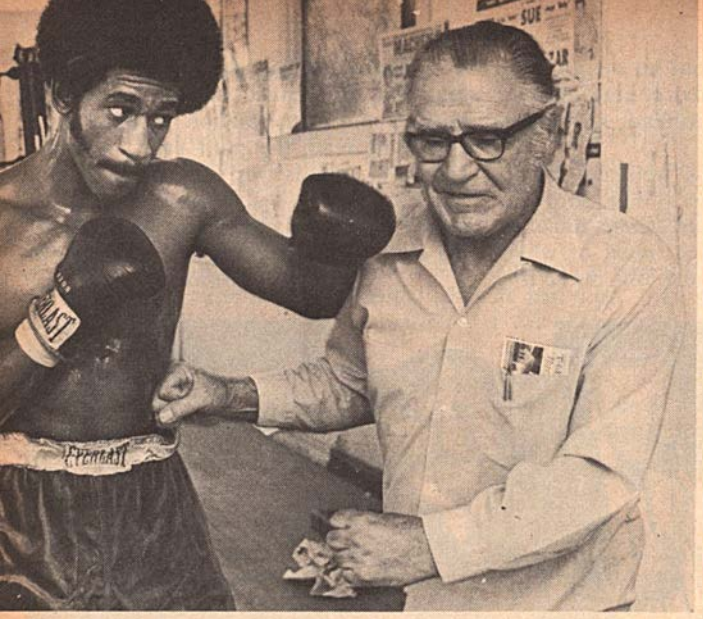
Above we see Bat Batalino, the old champ being installed in the Connecticut Boxing Hall of Fame, placing him alongside Willie Pep. He certainly was entitled to the distinction.

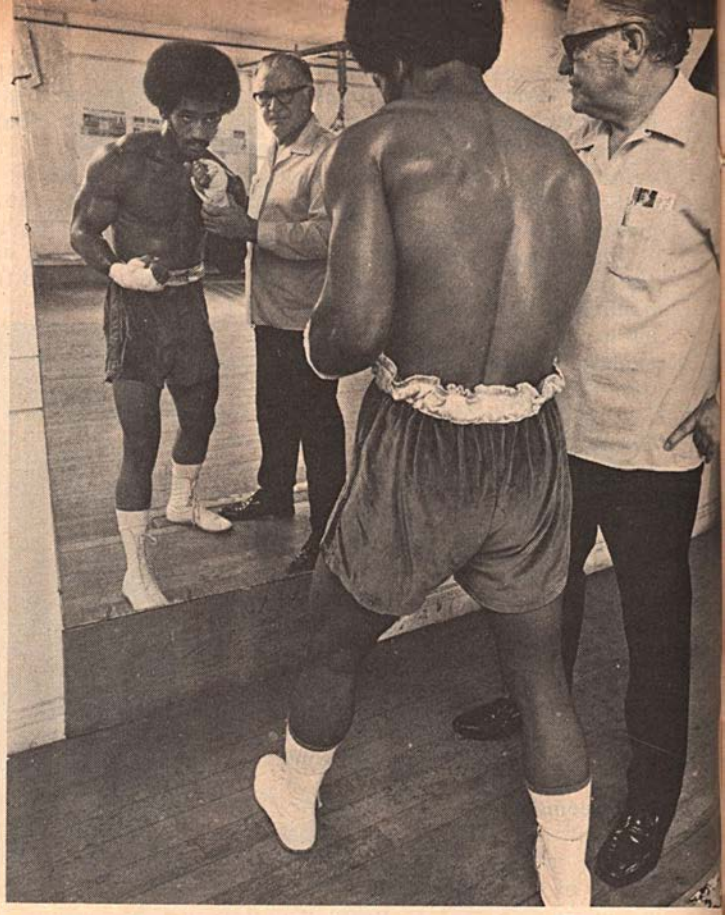
Here is Battalino fighting in Chicago, over on the right. His opponent is Earl Mastro and they are having it out in ten rounds for the title. The photo below shows Bat about to finish off Al Singer in New York's Garden. He stopped Singer in the second.







Up-and-coming light heavyweight Al Bolden gets a few tips from trainer Jack Bracke.



Bracke and Bolden work out a few things in front of a mirror.

BOLDEN'S ALE DIET LIFTED HIM INTO WINNING COLUMN

By JOHN NOLEN

PORTLAND, Ore.—It was 10 years ago in Pittsburgh. The doctor finished examining the skinny, 16-year-old youngster and said:

"No running. . .No sports. Don't do anything to excite your heart. You've got to take it easy. You have acute rhumatic fever."

Little Al Bolden spent almost a month in the hospital, faced with the prospect of being an invalid the rest of his life.

"I was scared," Al says now. "It meant I could be gone by tomorrow. It still means that, you know."

But little Al didn't heed the doctor's orders. "I ran a lot, even to the store for ice cream," he laughed. "I guess I just built myself back up."

Within two years he was playing football at Westinghouse High School.

"I wanted to be the quarterback," he said, "but my coach said I was too muscular and wanted me to play traveling guard. So I quit."

A year later, while in the Navy stationed at Charleston, S.C., Al Bolden won the first of two straight Most Outstanding Player awards for the 6th Naval District touch football league.

If that doctor only could have seen him.

Al scored 69 points that season—as a quarterback.

"All I did was run," Al shrugged.

Today he is still running—"Four miles in the morning and six in the evening every day until I get in shape, then only five or six each day after that to stay there."

He is a professional boxer, and one of the brightest light heavyweight prospects on the West Coast.

It hasn't always been that way for Al Bolden, though.

Just before Thanksgiving, 1972, he stepped off a plane at Portland "determined I was a middleweight."

He had been stopped in his most recent fight in Pittsburgh, against Gary Broughton, weighing 160 pounds. In

Here's Bolden working out with the speedbag.

another fight before his move to the Northwest, Al was in against Don Cobbs at 158¾.

Jack Bracke, long-time Portland trainer who trains Mike Morton's stable of fighters, took one look at Bolden in the gym and growled:

"You're no middleweight. I'll put you on my special ale diet and make a light heavyweight out of you."

Bolden, who came West with a record of 9 wins, 4 losses, 1 draw, thought Bracke was putting him on.

Al flattened Ricky Freeman with a short right hand in the first round of his first Portland appearance, then headed for Seattle and a date with "Iron Mike" Lankester, the blond-haired Northwest middleweight whose only loss was to North American champ Art Hernandez.

"Mr. Body Beautiful (Morton's nickname for Bolden) punished Lankester for three rounds, but in the fourth, all of a sudden, just seemed to sag against the ropes. He just quit punching, just quit everything. Next thing you know, my so-called 'middleweight' is down from a body punch, gets up, but the referee stops it.

"Now, after what Bolden did to this Lankester the first three rounds, and as much as my guy has improved in his seven fights since then, do you think we can get a rematch? Forget it. They don't want Al Bolden, even on neutral grounds.

"But the Lankester fight convinced me we had a good fighter, one with the ability to go all the way," Morton added.

The wins began to mount for Bolden after that, only as a light heavyweight. Ed Ostapovich, Indian Yaqui Lopez, Van Sahib, Ronnie Wilson, Stan Johnson. . .all were Bolden victims.

In both the Lopez and Wilson fights, Al was down momentarily in the early rounds. "Right hands—I walked right into them," he smiled. But, in each case, Bolden dominated each fight after the knockdowns, winning a 10-round decision over Lopez in Seattle and scoring a 5th-round TKO over Wilson in Portland.

The win over Johnson was of the spectacular, first-round knockout variety that stunned a Seattle crowd. Johnson, nicknamed "The Animal" and "Black Jack Johnson," was one of only two fighters ever to beat Earnie Shavers and owned a 17-1 record.

Bolden feels he's "hit the jackpot out here in the Northwest, as long as Mike and me work together and not against each other. And Jack—I call him Pops—I consider him my second father. He's helped me immensely. . .as long as he's standing there. He is smart, doesn't have to yell and cuss a lot because I will work 15-20 rounds if he wanted me to."

The feeling is mutual.

"Al called me from Pittsburgh," recalled Morton, "and the first two things he did really impressed me. First, he paid for every call he made to me and, second, he paid his plane fare out here. He's a class kid, and you can't say that about very many fighters in this world."

Bracke has spent almost a year working with Bolden, developing his left hook "which is murder when he snaps it," in addition to schooling Bolden and adding weight on his 5-foot-11½ frame. Some days Al tips the scales at 179-180.

"Mainly, I had to unfreeze this guy," Bracke chuckled. "He's a combination puncher-boxer who is an absolute prince to work with. Just like Ray Lampkin, a hard worker, but he

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The determined native of Pittsburgh wants a shot at the current 175-pound boss, Bob Foster.

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT LOUBET

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
GEORGE FOREMAN, Hayward, Calif.
1—**MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY),** Cherry Hill, N.J.
2—**JOE FRAZIER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**JERRY QUARRY,** Los Angeles, Calif.
4—**RON LYLE,** Denver, Colo.
5—**KEN NORTON,** San Diego, Calif.
6—**JOE BUGNER,** England
7—**BOONE KIRKMAN,** Seattle, Wash.
8—**OSCAR BONAVENA,** Argentina
9—**CHUCK WEPNER,** Bayonne, N.J.
10—**LARRY MIDDLETON,** Baltimore, Md.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BOB FOSTER, Alburquerque, N.M.
1—**JOHN CONTEH,** England
2—**LEN HUTCHINS,** Detroit, Mich.
3—**VICTOR GALINDEZ,** Argentina
4—**JORGE AHUMADA,** Argentina
5—**PIERRE FOURIE,** South Africa
6—**TOM BOGS,** Denmark
7—**KLAUS KLEIN,** Germany
8—**RICHIE KATES,** Philadelphia, Pa.
9—**MAXIE SMITH,** England
10—**CHRIS FINNEGAN,** England

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina
1—**RODRIGO VALDEZ,** Colombia
2—**BENNIE BRISCOE,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**TONY MUNDINE,** Australia
4—**KOICHI WAJIMA,** Japan
5—**TONY LICATA,** New Orleans, La.
6—**JEAN-CLAUDE BOUTTIER,** France
7—**MIGUEL de OLIVIERA,** Brazil
8—**CHARKEY RAMON,** Australia
9—**EMILE GRIFFITH,** New York, N.Y.
10—**CUBY "TOP CAT" JACKSON,** Detroit, Mich.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1—**CLYDE GRAY,** Canada
2—**HEDGEMON LEWIS,** Detroit, Mich.
3—**ROGER MENETREY,** France
4—**ANGEL ESPADA,** Puerto Rico
5—**ELISHA OBED,** Nassau, Bahamas
6—**ALVIN ANDERSON,** Baltimore, Md.
7—**FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ,** Dominican Rep.
8—**EDDIE PERKINS,** Chicago, Ill.
9—**JOHN STRACEY,** England
10—**FELIPE VACA,** Mexico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ANTONIO CERVANTES, Colombia
1—**BRUNO ARCARI,** Italy
2—**HECTOR THOMPSON,** Australia
3—**ALFONSO FRAZER,** Panama
4—**ROGER ZAMI,** France
5—**CARLOS GIMINEZ,** Argentina
6—**TONI ORTIZ,** Spain
7—**MIGUEL BARRETO,** Puerto Rico
8—**HECTOR MATTA,** Puerto Rico
9—**TONY PETRONELLI,** Taunton, Mass.
10—**MONROE BROOKS,** Los Angeles, Calif.

GEORGE FOREMAN FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

ACTION, hither and yon. Fights galore in places which had nothing much in boxing of yore and did not even carry the bucket for old New York.

But with George Foreman making his first real defense of the world heavyweight title, against Ken Norton, we find New York, with a championship history pages long, Chicago, where Jack Dempsey lost again to Gene Tunney, and San Francisco of olden fame, standing by and Caracas, Venezuela, getting the heavyweight plum.

With a record of two hard fights with Muhammad Ali, Ken Norton, of San Diego, made a hard try for the world heavyweight title and came out the loser.

Foreman thus landed the Fighter of the Month designation for the second time. He had gained that laurel by taking the title from Joe Frazier.

Of top interest, too, in this hemisphere was the Panama fight in which Roberto Duran, the lightweight champion, knocked out Esteban DeJesus, of Puerto Rico, in the eleventh round.

Duran fought like a real champion against a man who had beaten him in a non title fight, 10 rounds, in New York.

Examination of the heavyweight ratings shows that Jeff Merritt, the erratic, has been dropped and No. 10 shows Larry Middleton, who still is hollering that he was jobbed out of the decision in his fight with Jimmy Ellis at Baltimore.

The ratings show Oscar Bonavena, the sometimes active heavyweight from the Argentina, way down in eighth place.

Oscar went to Denver to fight Mr. Lyle, and got beat.

Lyle, who is moving along, has jumped into No. 4, behind the inactive Jerry Quarry, who is eager for a fight in New York but can find no worthy opponent.

Merritt was chased out of the ratings by Henry Clark, who fights infrequently. The Clark victory over Jeff happened in the first round.

RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 15, 1974

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN, Panama
1—**KEN BUCHANAN,** Scotland
2—**ESTEBAN DeJESUS,** Puerto Rico
3—**RODOLFO GONZALEZ,** Mexico
4—**RAY LAMPKIN,** Portland, Ore.
5—**JIMMY HEAIR,** Los Angeles, Calif.
6—**HUGO GUTIERREZ,** Argentina
7—**ANGEL MAYORAL,** Las Vegas, Nev.
8—**JIM WATTS,** Scotland
9—**ANDRES STEYN,** South Africa
10—**OULD MAKLOUFE,** France

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BEN VILLAFLOR, Philippines
1—**KUNIAKI SHIBATA,** Japan
2—**LOTHAR ABEND,** Germany
3—**ALFREDO ESCALERA,** Puerto Rico
4—**SAMMY GOSS,** Trenton, N.J.
5—**ALFREDO MARCANO,** Venezuela
6—**APOLLO YOSHIO,** Japan
7—**ANTONIO AMAYA,** Panama
8—**JOSE FERNANDEZ,** New York, N.Y.
9—**VICTOR ECHEGARAY,** Argentina
10—**VICENTE BLANCO,** Ecuador

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—**ERNESTO MARCEL,** Panama
2—**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
3—**RUBEN OLIVARES,** Mexico
4—**ART HAFEY,** Canada
5—**DANNY LOPEZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.
6—**BOBBY CHACON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7—**LIONEL HERNANDEZ,** Venezuela
8—**ANTONIO (GITANO) JIMENEZ,** Spain
9—**OSCAR MENDEZ,** Argentina
10—**JEAN-BAPTISTE PIEDVACHE,** France

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ARNOLD TAYLOR, South Africa
1—**RAFAEL HERRERA,** Mexico
2—**JOHNNY CLARK,** England
3—**ROMEO ANAYA,** Mexico
4—**BENICO SOSA,** Argentina
5—**JOSE CASAS,** Argentina
6—**BENNY RODRIGUEZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7—**SAUL MONTANA,** Mexico
8—**VENICE BORKORSOR,** Thailand
9—**FRANCISCO VILLEGAS,** Puerto Rico
10—**PAUL FERRERI,** Australia

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—**BETULIO GONZALEZ,** Venezuela
2—**FRITZ CHERVET,** Switzerland
3—**MIGUEL CANTO,** Mexico
4—**FERNAND CABANELA,** Philippines
5—**ERBITO SALAVARRIA,** Philippines
6—**CHARTCHAI CHIONOI,** Thailand
7—**BIG JIM WEST,** Australia
8—**HENRY NISSEN,** Australia
9—**PABLO JIMENEZ,** Dominican Rep.
10—**VICENTE POOL,** Mexico

Back in the going is Boone Kirkman, whom we see in seventh place in a comeback.

Johnny Conteh continues as the No. 1 light heavy contender. Conteh is on his way to a match with Bob Foster, who is seeking a real payday.

One of the surprises of the month, shown in the middleweight listings, places Bennie Briscoe in the No. 2 contender's spot behind Rod Valdez, with Tony Mundine, of Australia, dropping into No. 3.

Briscoe's five round KO of Mundine will stand out as one of the major upsets of 1974.

Tony had the better of Bennie in their Paris fight until a Briscoe blast revealed that what had been rumored was true, Mundine's chin was not too strong.

Henry Nissen, Australian fly, fell to No. 8 behind Big Jim West, who knocked him out.

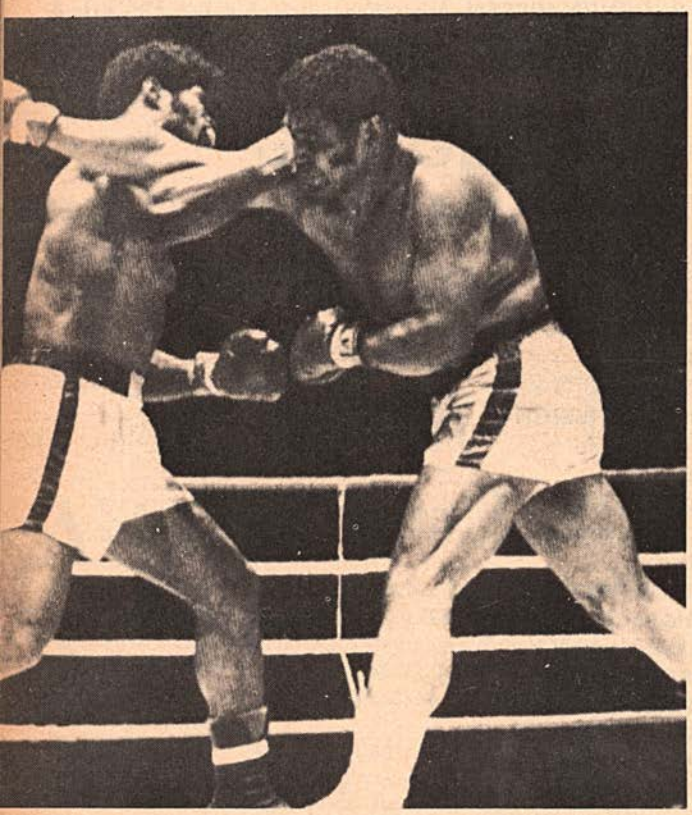
The featherweight and flyweight titles remain vacant.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

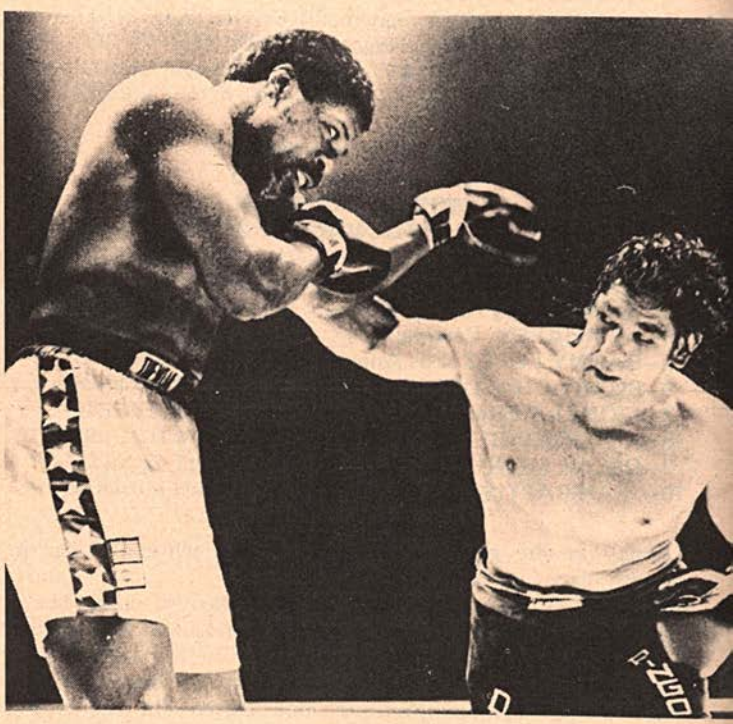
Names	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
John Berry Washington D.C.	4/72	8	7	1	0	4
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Ray Elson New York, N.Y.	10/72	8	7	0	1	4
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Jean Mateo France	1/73	18	15	2	1	12
WELTERWEIGHT						
Jose Rodriguez Brazil	12/71	11	10	1	0	1
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Hector Diaz New York, N.Y.	3/72	14	9	2	3	0
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Hector Medina Puerto Rico	1/72	11	11	0	0	9
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Frank Duarte Los Angeles, Calif.	8/73	9	9	0	0	8
FLYWEIGHT						
Martin Buchanan Garcia Mexico	2/72	17	16	1	0	5

RING CAMERA CLICKS

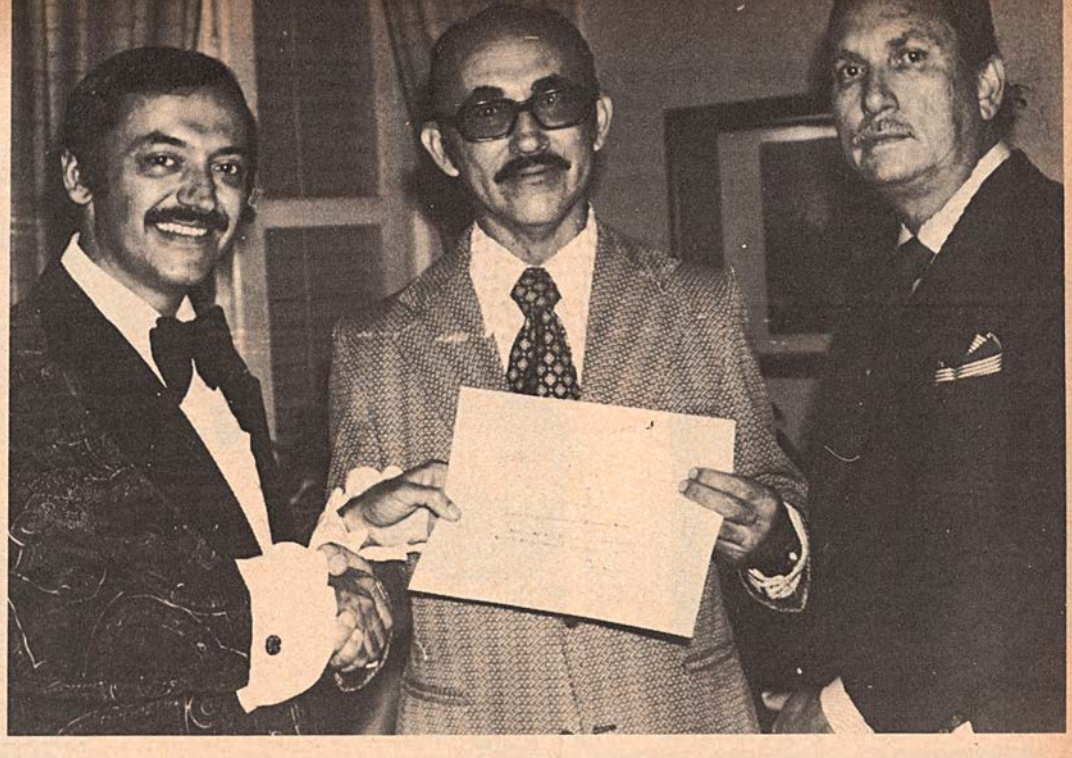
Muhammad Ali surrounded by Palestine guerrillas during the ex-heavyweight champion's visit to Ain Helwe, a refugee camp in South Lebanon.



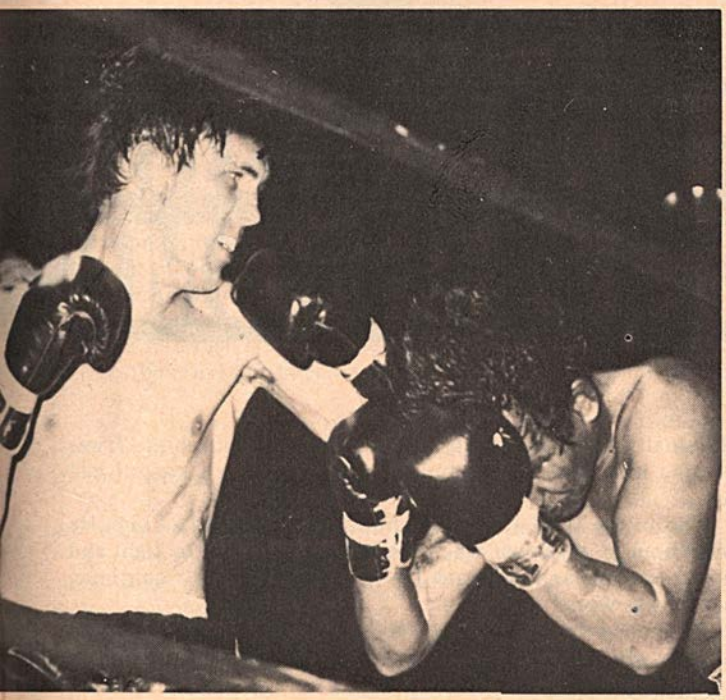
Roberto Davila, heavyweight champion of Peru, connects with a right to the jaw of Benedicto Da Silva of Brazil in their fight at Lima, Peru. The bout ended with an 8 round KO win for Roberto.

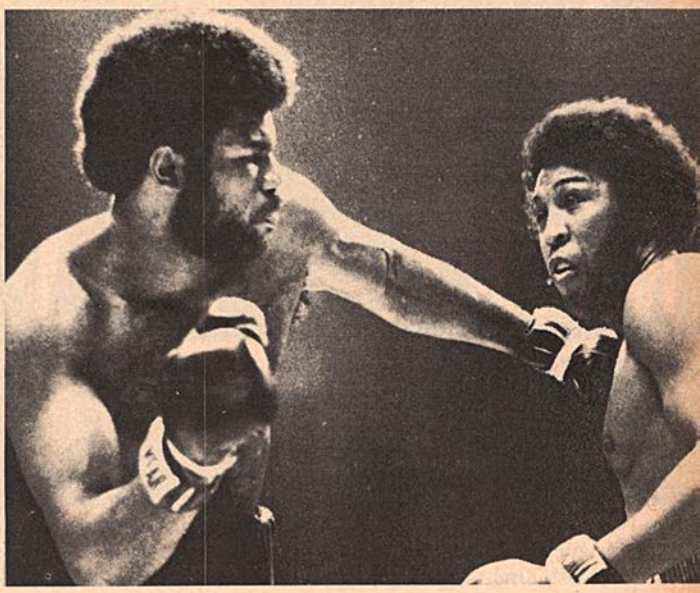


Argentine Oscar Bonavena, heavyweight contender, and Rob Lyle of Denver, slugged at each other for 12 rounds with no knockdowns. Lyle won a 12 round decision. The win boomed Ron into a possible shot at the heavyweight championship. Heavyweight champion George Foreman is offered $750,000 guarantee to fight Lyle in Denver this summer.



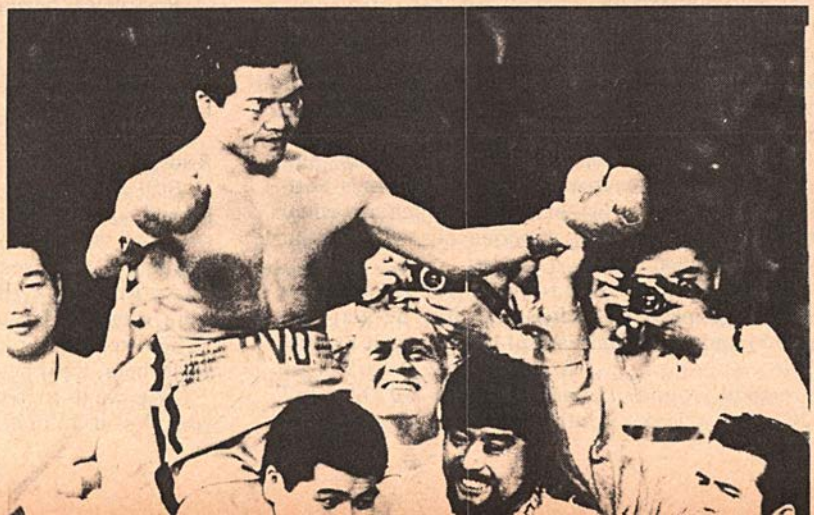
Mario Martino Rivera, center, receiving award from Puerto Rican Boxing Commission Chairman, Rafael Benet as the top international correspondent. He also received for Ring Editor, Nat Loubet, the Puerto Rican award for the top sports editor for 1973. Looking on is Dr. Cordova, of the Panama Boxing Commission.



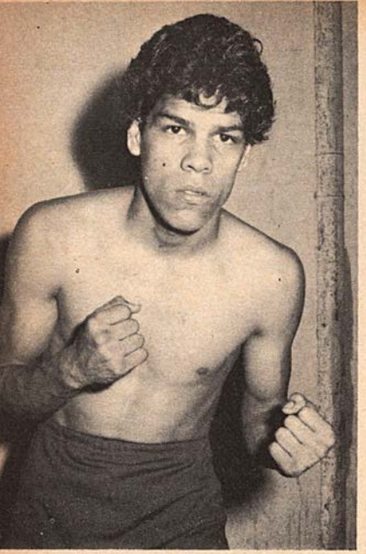


Larry Middleton of Baltimore, left, lands a sharp left to chest of Jimmy Ellis in heavyweight contender battle which ended in a 10 round draw decision in Washington.

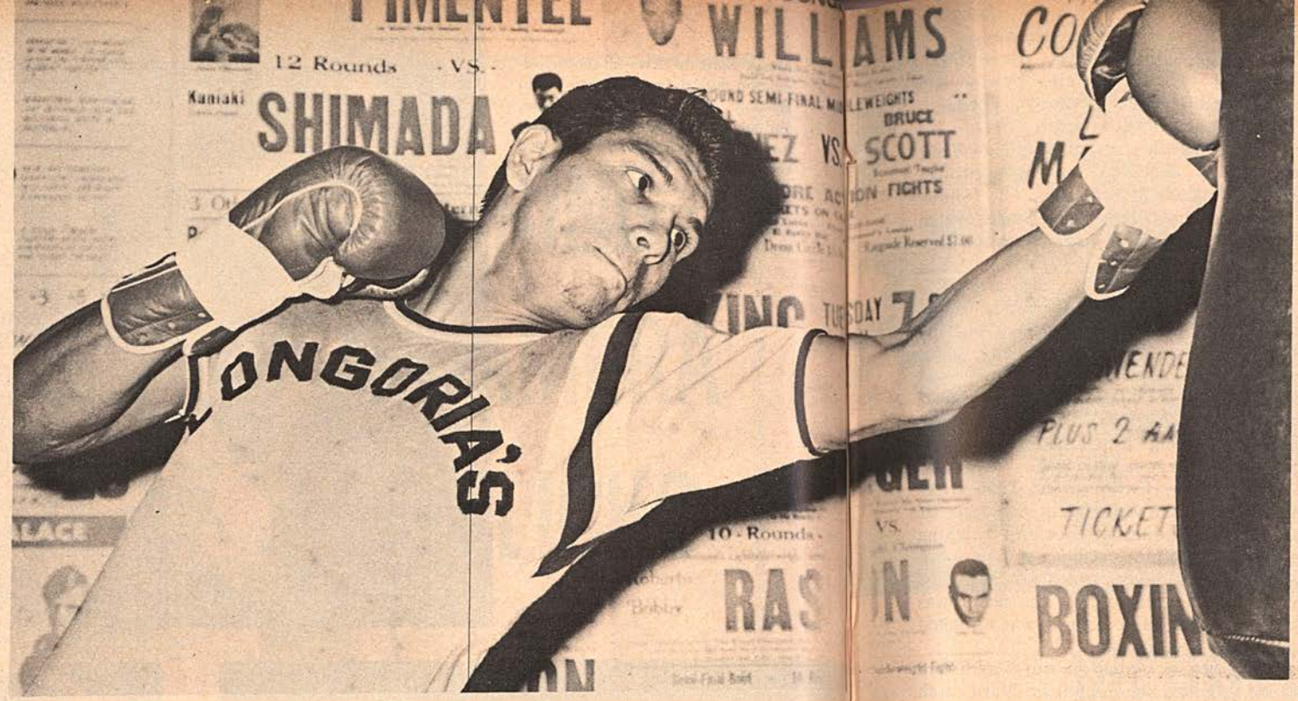
At the C.L. Club at Houston, Texas, Kenny Weldon, left, won his 14th straight pro win via a 12 round decision over Tino Falcon of Corpus Christy. The bout was for Weldon's state featherweight title.



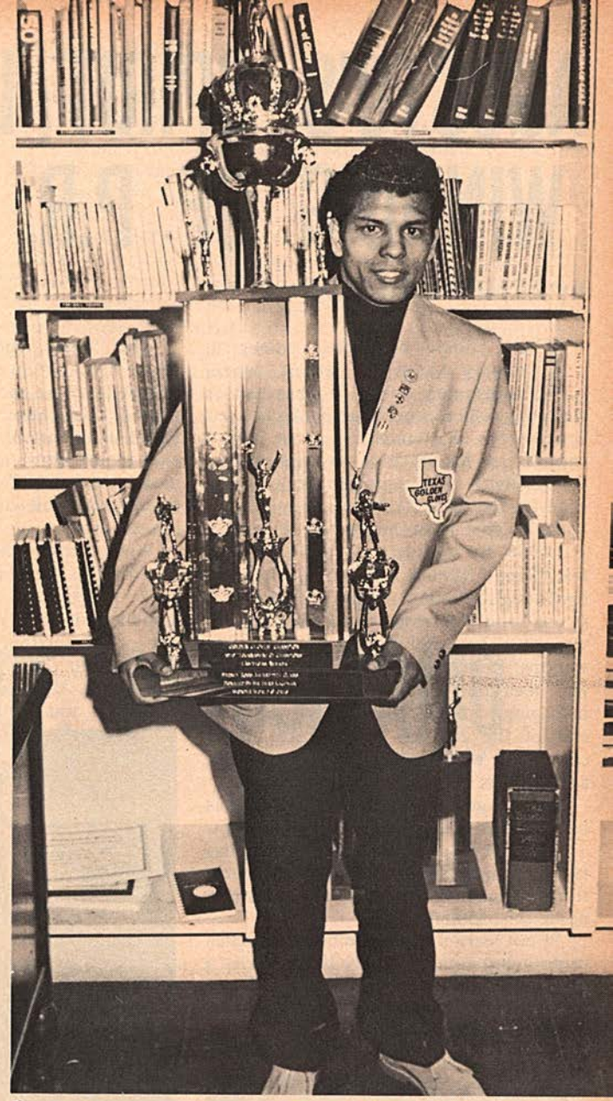
In Tokyo, Japan, referee Raymundo Solis holds up the arm of Japan's Kuniaki Shibata to signify his win over Ricardo Arredondo of Mexico, the WBC the junior lightweight champion.



Younger brother Johnny Moreno is a very promising bantamweight.



(Left) Tony Moreno, who is the current United States flyweight champion. (Right) Tony with the huge trophy he won the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas, Nevada.



MORENO BROTHERS FIND MEXICO IS VENTURESOME

By BARRY N. ROBINSON

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—"Darn it, I should know better by now," shouted white-headed Reuben Rodriguez. "I shouldn't go to those places any more. We get in a mess like this every time."

Rodriguez, angered by strange events on a recent trip to Mexico with one of his fighters, is a veteran manager who currently handles the brothers Tony and Johnny Moreno.

Tony, twice the National Golden Gloves flyweight champion, is world ranked while the younger Johnny is a promising bantam who is rated high contender.

Rodriguez has a problem now that his two prize prospects have gained national recognition.

"To fight anyone worthwhile, we have to fight 'em in their own back yard," said Rodriguez. "If you want to get in with the big boys, you gotta challenge them on their play grounds.

"I'll guarantee, in most of these places (other countries), you gotta knock 'em flat to win."

Rodriguez recently accompanied Johnny to Culiacan, Sin., Mexico, for a fight with hometown favorite Jose Luis Soto. The week-long trip offered a list of weird happenings which included witnessing three murders, experiencing two fines and suffering an almost comical loss.

"Johnny was butted in the first round, causing a slight cut over his left eye," explained Rodriguez. "But he played it smart. He started jabbing and was careful not to mix it up with Soto."

"By the second round I had his face all bloody," interrupted Johnny, a lanky southpaw who won the 1971 National Golden Gloves bantamweight championship. "I was beating him badly. . .he couldn't take a punch. I knew I had him.

"So in the third round I went after him, and I had him. He was about to go down when the referee stopped the fight and raised Soto's hand. He said I was cut too badly to continue, but he was worse off than me.

"I argued but, of course, it didn't do any good. If the referee would've let it go on 10 more seconds I would've knocked 'em out," Johnny insisted.

"But if you think I was mad, you should've seen Reuben!"

Rodriguez began shouting when the referee stopped the bout. "I couldn't believe it."

He jumped into the ring and pleaded with the referee to at least rule it a technical draw since both fighters were cut badly.

No chance. Soto was ruled a TKO winner, despite Rodriguez kneeling at mid-ring begging for reconsideration.

Still angry as he was taking off Johnny's gloves, Rodriguez kicked some bandages near his feet. The bandages hit a guy on the arm. "Of all the people it had to hit it was the mayor!" He was fined 100 pesos.

As Rodriguez and Johnny walked out of the arena, they were stopped by police, who demanded to see their visas. "They were at our hotel room but they said unless we came up with them, we'd be taken to jail," related Rodriguez.

"We went to our motel with them, and showed them the visas," said Johnny. "But the policeman took the papers and said, 'that'll be a 1000 (pesos) fine ($80). We had to pay it."

Earlier in the week Rodriguez was walking out of a bank where he had converted American money into pesos. As he walked out the door several machine guns opened fire in his direction. He hit the ground. "I thought they were after me for robbing the bank or something," he said.

"What happened was that some Mafia guys killed these three men walking into the bank. One of the guys was almost cut in half by the machine gun fire. I think the guys doing the shooting had just bought some dope from them and they were getting their money back. Anyway, I sure figured they were after me."

"A few hours later three more guys were murdered about two blocks away," Johnny interrupted. "I've never seen anything like that place."

The experience was something new for Johnny. "I guess it showed me what to expect from now on," he said.

But it's getting old hat for Reuben, who has encountered many such experiences while traveling abroad with fighters, including Tony.

About two years ago Reuben and Tony were in Santo Domingo for a big fight. Four days prior to the fight Rodriguez had Tony out on the beach doing early morning road work.

"Tony was running in the sand and I was sitting on the edge of the beach. I could barely see him in the dark. All of a sudden I heard gun shots. Tony started running faster, and the guns kept firing more.

"Finally, Tony stopped and police stepped from behind some trees and arrested both of us. Seems they had some kind of curfew over there and we weren't allowed out during dark hours. We were in jail and couldn't even train for the fight!"

Although these trips aren't always nice, they appear to be necessary.

"We know when we go to one of these places what will happen. But hell, these kids are in this business to make money and go as high as possible. We're not going to do either staying in San Antonio," said Rodriguez.

Although Tony is ranked higher than Johnny, most ring experts in the Southwest believe Johnny is the best prospect. For his division he is extremely tall (5-10) and besides carrying a sledge-hammer punch, he is a classy fighter.

Now 21, Johnny has built a 19-2 pro record which includes wins over Rocky Garcia and Famosito Gomez, both by knockouts. Owner of a 104-3 amateur record, Johnny is experiencing the same problems as other southpaws. "It's hard as hell getting him a fight," moaned Rodriguez. "I'll have a bout all lined up, ready to go. And then they ask, 'is he a southpaw?' Then it's all over. They don't want any part of him."

Tony, now 24, amassed an 87-2 record before turning pro in 1970. His 21-6-2 record is misleading for he took on many ranked fighters early in his career. For example, in his 13th pro fight he lost a close, 10-round decision to then world champion Masao Ohba in Japan.

Tony and Johnny, having much in common, are closer than most brothers. Johnny was married in November 1971, Tony in December of the same year. Johnny and his wife, Elouise, have a year-old daughter, Patricia, while Tony and his wife, Carmen, have no children.

They work out together daily and often do road work together. It's older brother Tony who must awaken little brother Johnny early in the mornings for road work.

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AGOSTO'S SPIRIT LED TO WINNING OF P.R. TITLE

By FRED EISENSTADT

THE do-or die spirit comes in mighty handy in fistiana, where punishment must be absorbed as well as dished out. Pedro Agosto, it appears, has an abundance of that spirit—enough to enable him to capture the heavyweight championship of Puerto Rico for the second time.

Pedro first took the title on November 19, 1968, by scoring a 12-round KO over Joe "King" Roman in San Juan. It was a hard-fought bout. Agosto—bull-necked, strong and aggressive—ever moving toward his foe and tossing power-laden wallops; Roman—tall, fast-moving, with a fair measure of boxing skill—jabbing, managing to hold Pedro off till nearly the end of the contest. But Agosto finally connected with a solid blow to the chin and Joe was out cold.

Pedro Agosto Ortiz (his full name) was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Sept. 7, 1945. Pedro, son of a truckdriver, has two sisters. He admits having scant education and spent most of his boyhood in a home for problem boys.

"I not learn much," the boxer explains in poor but comprehensive English with a strong Spanish accent, "because I got mind more on fighting and playing baseball than studying."

The "home" did Agosto much good; made him a quiet, gentle and well-behaved young man. At age 12, a man named Diaz Santos began to instruct Pedro in the art of boxing. At 16, he was exchanging blows in the amateurs. To be more accurate, Pedro delivered blows, since nearly all of his bouts ended in knockouts.

When Agosto's fistic talent reached the ears of top fight manager Bill Daly, he took Pedro out of the "home" and launched him on a pro career. "I lost only one of 22 amateur fights," said Agosto. "As a pro I kept on knocking out opponents. My first victim, on February 28, 1966, was Willie Cobb. I flatten him in 2 rounds at St. Thomas." He won the following 11 contests also by the KO route, fighting in Pittsburgh, Portland, Worcester and his hometown.

Agosto had his first fight in New York on January 19, 1968, beating big, tough Jimmy Cogdell in 8 rounds. The following month he trounced Al Singletary in ten. The KO of Joe Roman came late that year.

Oddly enough, when Pedro arrived in New York, he and Jose Roman who had known each other in Puerto Rico, became friends and shared a room in the Belvedere Hotel—a stone's throw from the old Madison Square Garden on 50th street and Eighth Avenue. It's no novelty, friends meeting in the ring and each striving for a knockout.

On July 5, 1969, in San Juan, after stiffening Leslie Bordon in 6, Pedro—at that time standing six-foot and weighing around 185 pounds—came to New York and engaged taller and heavier Forest Ward in a Garden fight. The result was tragic—pugilistically Agosto was knocked out in the first round.

"Is true, he knock me out," admitted Pedro. "Only excuse I got is—Ward catch

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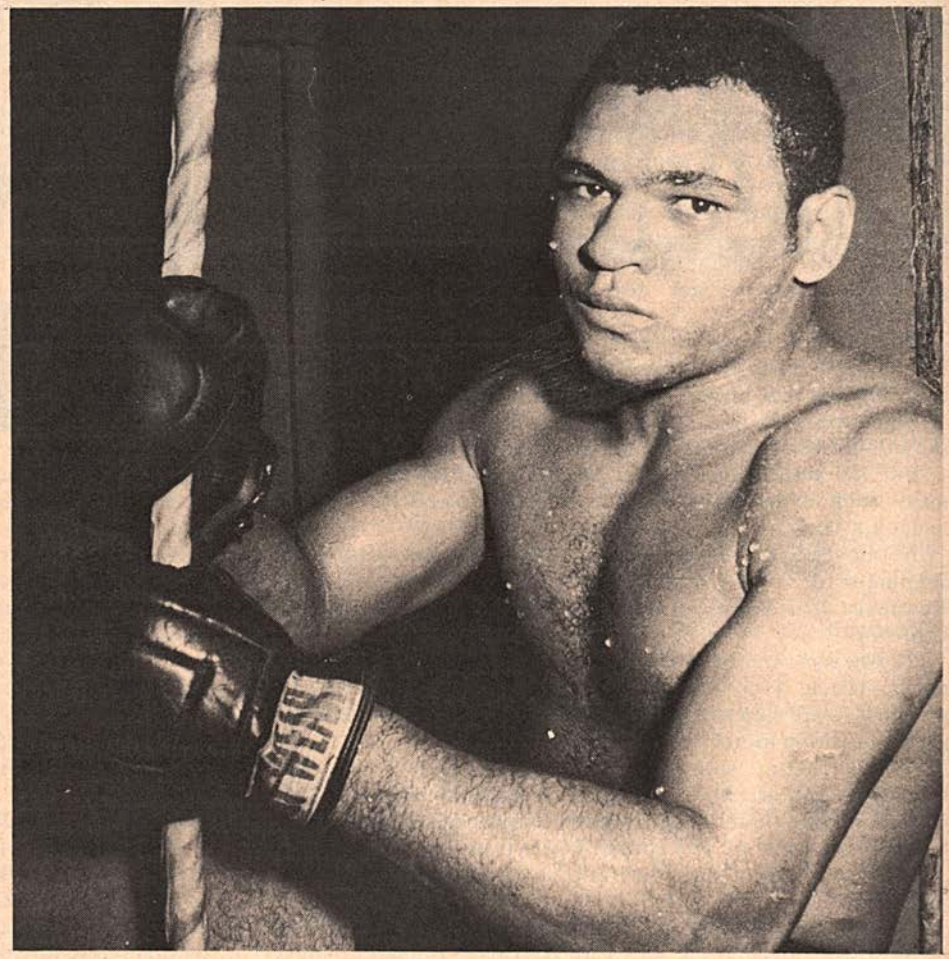
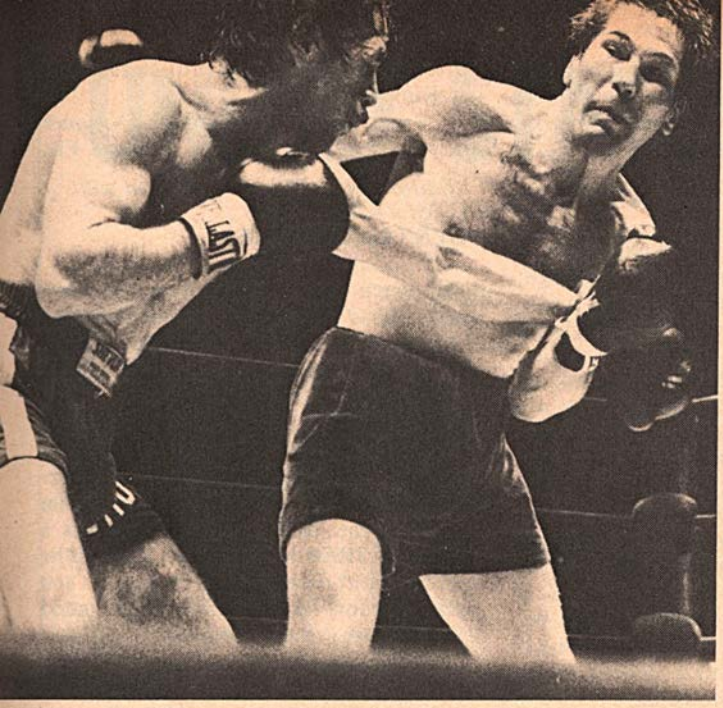


Pedro Agosto (above) took the measure of Jose King Roman (left) to re-win the Puerto Rico heavyweight title he first captured back in 1968.



By SAM TAUB

WEPNER, VIRUET, ANTUOFERMO VICTORS IN GARDEN TRIPLE

THEY came, they saw and they liked it. Who? The 7,401 customers who kicked in with $53,352.31 to witness what Promoter Teddy Brenner described as the first triple header staged in the new Madison Square Garden. . . The reaction of the customers, as they wended their way out of the mid-town arena, was one of satisfaction.

Two of the feature events turned out to be crammed full of action, albeit one of them was a lop-sided win. That was the main event of ten rounds between Vito Antuofermo, Brooklyn lad originally from Bari, Italy, who tangled with the much touted unbeaten gladiator from Olympia, Wash., the current John L. Sullivan.

Sullivan, heretofore unbeaten in twenty-two fights, with a record of fourteen kayos to his credit, was shocked at the manner in which he was manhandled. . .Even his southpaw stance availed him naught.

Vito, right from the outset, crowded him with a two fisted attack and never gave him an opportunity to show his ability. . . Maybe it was the build-up John L. received that was his undoing but no matter what, Antuofermo, managed by Tony Carione, did a perfect job as he pounded his man relentlessly.

The Coast man's southpaw stance never bothered the local man except for one round, the fifth, which was the only round we credited him with winning.

Vito must have felt slighted perhaps by the publicity his opponent was receiving because of his monicker, and decided to show the fans that he's anything but a false alarm. . . Vito worked like a master, got over both fists to the face and body, and easily avoided any counter-attack by his man, except for the fifth stanza. . . .Vito, who scaled 158¼ to John L's. 156¼ pounds, didn't need the rooting of his admirers, who shouted "Vito," to urge him on. . . .On this occasion, the Brooklynite, never giving his rival a chance to get set, was a two-fisted gladiator, throwing leather throughout the melee.

John L. was game but apparently surprised by the manner in which he was waylaid, never expecting that kind of an attack. . .It was relentless and there was never a doubt about the outcome. . . .Referee Johnny LoBianco and Judge Leo Dazzo's score cards were 8-1-1 while the other judge, Joe Pushkal, had it a whitewash, 10 to 0. As we said, we had it 9-1-0.

The feature was preceded by a twelve rounder, in which the New Jersey heavyweight championship was at stake. The principals were Chuck Wepner, of Bayonne, and Randy Neumann, who hails from Cliffside Park, bitter rivals for several years, each with a victory to his credit. . . Their rooters made up a good part of the attendance.

Wepner, scaling 219 pounds, as against Neumann's 203¾,

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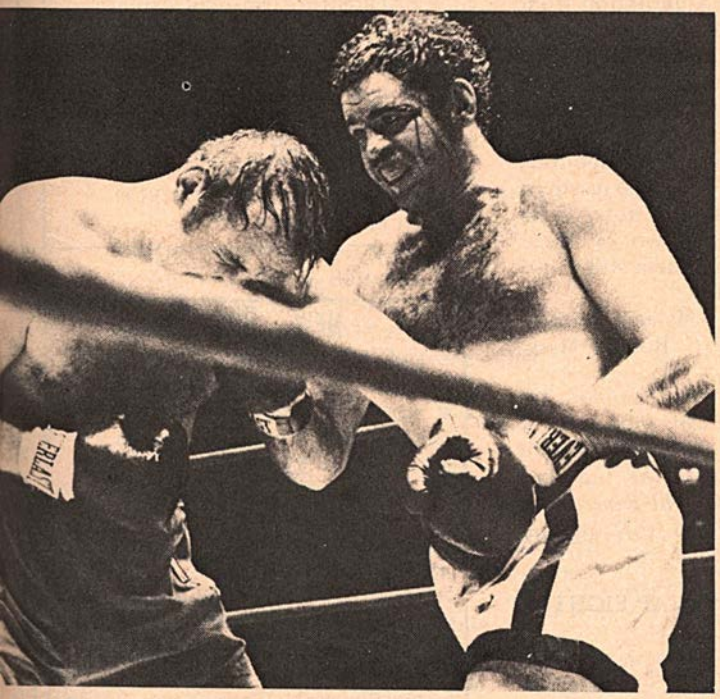

Top of page: Vito Antuofermo, Brooklyn, N.Y. middleweight(left) cuts through the southpaw stance of John L. Sullivan on way to one-sided victory over his Olympia, Wash., opponent. Immediately above: Chuck Wepner (left) and Randy Newmann, both New Jersey heavyweights, fought it out in a scheduled 12 round bout for the N.J. state title. Wepner came out the victor in 6 when the referee halted the bout due to Randy's cut left eye.

PUNCH LINES

SUPPORTS ALI'S SIDE

YOU fight fans or experts or whatever in New York are meanies. Ali says he is too tired to fight Jerry Quarry now and he is called a coward. They must look fine to themselves when they shave in the morning – if they do shave – and decide that because Cassius wants to rest and spend some time with his family, he is afraid of Quarry. Clay is afraid of nobody and has proved it. Clay's record calls him the No. 1 heavyweight of his time.

Carter James
Atlanta, Ga.

QUARRY UNJUSTLY TREATED

I am convinced that Jerry Quarry is one of the current fistic greats and that he could beat Clay the way Ali looks right now. I believe that Jerry is getting a raw deal. I believe that Clay is seeing to it that the big purses in his fights go to Negroes. He is barring white fighters and he can deny that as long as he has the breath to keep up his denial. I believe that Quarry would stop Clay in a 1974 fight and Clay knows it.

Bruce Daley
New York, N.Y.

HE FIGHTS INFLATION

I would like to see The Ring lead the fight against boxing inflation. I carry on the fight in my own way. I have stopped going to fights. Ring champions have gone daffy with their demands. I am a real fight fan, age 65. I cannot afford to pay the prices. You read that tickets are hard to get even at $100. This is sheer madness. The regulars cannot pay the prices and the fighters talk about a million as if it were a hundred. Even the prices for closed circuit television are lunatic. The Ring can do thousands of readers a big service by leading a campaign in the direction of sanity.

Karl Kamin
Staten Island, N.Y.

Editor's Note–We are with you. The promoters are with you. But the fighters have gone uncontrolled in their demands and The Ring can do nothing about it.

GHETTOES PRODUCE THE FIGHTERS

For many years our fight experts have been under the impression that the fight game badly needed the old, small neighborhood clubs. They were badly lighted, badly equipped for sanitary facilities, dirty. Now we know that what we missed were the ghettoes. Benny Leonard, Ruby Goldstein, Barney Ross, Tony Canzoneri, and many other great fighters were the products of the ghettoes in which they grew up and not the dirty little clubs. The ghetto idea is borne out by the Madison Square Garden Forum and the Puerto Rican boxers and by ghettoes in New Jersey. Do we want the ghettoes? No. We do not. What, then, is the answer? Much more city money behind decent living conditions and decent housing.

Harry Schwartz
Bronx, New York

THE WAR ON STIFFS

I have a complaint against the Ring. It is not waging a hard war on the stiffs, especially the heavyweight variety. There are loads of stiffs in this country and with the help of agents, we are exporting a lot of them to Europe. The Ring could stop this traffic in ill-trained, ill-conditioned "fighters." I have seen a quotation from one of the agents and he said that he sent over what promoters in Europe asked for. Foreign fans delight in cheering Yankee stiffs and their counts of ten. The Ring should call a stiff a stiff and help tremendously in chasing these spurious "fighters." In the U.S. they are used to build up phony records. I note some improvement in the last two or three years but the war against them still is too weak. Out with the stiffs.

Malachi Murphy
Boston, Mass.

Editor's Note–The Ring cannot get involved in this situation, nor can it initiate a telling war on the stiffs. We have very stringent libel laws in the U.S. and England. Some years ago The Ring called a British wrestling stiff a stiff and he collected in a London court.

CHEAP FIGHTERS IN CHEAP FIGHTS

I spent some four years in Mexico, through 1973, from the U.S. border to Yucatan. I saw cheap fights by cheap fighters. I saw fighters give their all for $50 and less. No one looks after these poor guys. There was no official regulation, no real system of medical supervision in the sticks. Is there no way to improve the condition of these poor fighters and their disgraceful status? Can The Ring help?

Jose Vasquez
Miami, Fla.

Editor's Note–We can try, and will!

WHEN CLAY RETIRES

What are you sports writers and magazine experts going to do when Cassius Clay retires? He cannot go on fighting much longer. He is jolly, he makes stories for the writers and jollies the fans. I am 56 years old and in my time have seen no other heavyweight champion to match him for liveliness and publicity production. I do not cheer him for his Muslim stand on the draft, if indeed it was a conversion. How much of the Koran is he familiar with? But he can crack jokes and make fun of life. All the other good heavyweights are sourpusses.

Gordon Qualey
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4–Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
5–Boone Kirkman, Seattle, Wash.
6–Chuck Wepner, Bayonne, N.J.
7–Larry Middleton, Baltimore, Md.
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4–Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
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5–George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
6–Rudy Robles, Los Angeles, Calif.
7–Vito Antuofermo, Brooklyn, N.Y.
8–David Love, San Diego, Calif.
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10–Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.

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2–Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
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3–Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
4–Santos Luis Rivera, Puerto Rico
5–Ronnie McGarvey, Baltimore, Md.
6–Ernesto Vann, Albuquerque, N.M.
7–Pedro Guzman, New York, N.Y.
8–Esteban Olvera, Dallas, Texas
9–Ray Hall, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
10–Calvin Woodland, Washington, D.C.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
* Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
1–Benny Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
2–Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
3–Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
4–Tony Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
5–Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
6–Francisco Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
7–Johnny Moreno, San Antonio, Texas
8–Flavio Barcena, Glendale, Calif.
9–Jimmy Martinez, Dallas, Texas
10–Joe Guevara, Sacramento, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS
* Tony Moreno, San Antonio, Texas
1–Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
2–Alfonso Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
3–Bobby Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark.
4–Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
5–Arden Peralta, Phoenix, Ariz.
6–Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
7–Rocky Garcia, San Antonio, Texas
8–Diego Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.
9–Raul Rosete, Los Angeles, Calif.
10–Melvin Johnson, Clovis, N.M.

*Champion

Q & A QUESTIONS ANSWERS

Q. Have you ever seen brothers fight each other either pro or amateur? My father says he has seen brothers meet in the Golden Gloves in the Garden in New York some six years ago.

Terry Schneider
Newark, N.J.

A. **It never happened. A brother vs. brother pairing came up in the Gloves and one of the brothers forfeited.**

Q. You have explained time after time that Marvin Hart was the successor of Jim Jeffries as to the heavyweight champion. I don't see it. To have recognized Hart as the heavyweight champion after beating the comparatively insignificant Jack Root was a hoax.

Levi Dahlgren
Gainesville, Fla.

A. **Believe it or not, Jeff retired and said that the new champion would be the winner of Hart vs. Root. Hart won. The fight experts accepted the bunk. Now the whole mess is a joke.**

Q. In which round did Jose Napoles recently lose to Carlos Monzon at Paris?

Major Thomas Graves, Ret.
New Orleans, La.

A. **It was announced as a TKO in seven. It was not a TKO but a regular KO in the seventh as Napoles did not come out for the seventh, by order of trainer Angelo Dundee.**

Q. How do you rate Jess Willard as a heavyweight champion? Did he actually KO Jack Johnson?

Terrence Degraw
Minneapolis, Minn.

A. **Willard did not like to fight. As to the authenticity of his KO over Johnson, there can make no absolute and definite answer. Somehow Johnson's taking a dive does not ring true.**

Q. There is in Miami an organization pushing the careers of fighters called the Mendoza Organization. Mendoza was the first great Jewish fighter in London. The Mendoza fighters here are not Jewish though some of the board members are Jews. Why did they pick the name Mendoza?

Henry Cohen
Miami Beach, Fla.

A. **The Jewish directors evidently wanted to honor Daniel Mendoza. I can discern no other reason.**

Q. There is a growing tendency to push the status of Rocky Marciano as one of the top three heavyweights of all time. I cannot see the reason in this claim. Rocco was a fine fighter but he was not a great boxer. I refer you to a fight with Ezzard Charles. Even the old fans are losing sight of the position of Jim Jeffries among the true greats. I look to The Ring to start clarifying this situation.

Mike McCormick
Butte, Mont.

A. **There is no denying Marciano's ability to take it and to dish it out. He was a great fighter. Ask Jersey Joe Walcott. How good Rocky was will be determined in the next few years. Meanwhile he is being pushed by Italian fans, than whom there are no more loyal advocates in this country. Rocky was a gentleman.**

Q. There is no end to the controversy as to the comparative merits of Joe Gans and Benny Leonard. I have been brought up in the Gans school. Can you shed any genuine light on this controversy?

Harry Brewster
Baltimore, Md.

A. **John McGraw, a close friend of Gans, said that Joe most often was not in the best shape. Nat Fleischer picked Gans over Leonard. The Ring Answer picks Leonard, for boxing skill and craft, for physical condition and taking care of himself; for his greater superiority than any other lightweight in devising combinations. Gans was not a notable combinations puncher.**

Q. Do you know of any great fighter who needed spectacles out of the ring? Do you know of any great referee who needed glasses on the street?

Carey Davidson
Oakland, Calif

A. **We do not know of any great fighter who needed glasses outside of the ring. We do not know of any great referee who wore glasses outside of the ring. I am puzzled by the recent ruling of the EBU barring referees who require glasses. Certainly this edict did not include referees who need glasses in the ring. We have not heard of a referee requiring glasses in the ring, though there have been referees and judges who could use these aids to vision to good effect.**

FIGHT MOVIES

STANLEY KETCHEL vs. BILLY PAPKE

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INSIDE THE ROPES *with* *Ruby Goldstein*

SEVERAL times during interviews I have heard Rocky Graziano say "Somebody up there likes me." This was the title of the motion picture made some years back on Rocky's life. On the occasions I heard him say those words he wasn't plugging his picture. Instead, he was referring to the many commercials and personal appearances on television he had made.

I could echo the same words used by Rocky—but for another reason. I am most thankful that I was able to retain my health after a drastic change of living habits. From one who loved to be totally involved in the fight game to make a complete turnabout is not easy. It began the afternoon after the lightweight championship bout between Bob Montgomery and Allie Stolz on June 28, 1946 at the Garden.

The ring officials are assigned by the boxing commission but are paid by the promoters. The amount paid is set by the commission and is determined by the net receipts. Some officials request that the check be mailed to their homes, others, like myself, prefer to pick their checks up. I had begun to feel a certain embarrassment however, as I walked to and from the office of the bookkeeper. The Garden office was always crowded after a fight and on this particular day, I heard some remarks that weren't meant for my ears.

Hymie Caplan, who managed Stolz, was among those present when I went to Mike Jacobs' office to pick up my check. Hymie and I had been friends for many years. I liked him and I believe he felt the same towards me. The greeting I received though, was far from the usual pleasant one. There was an accusing tone in his voice. "You let that fellow get away with a lot of rough stuff," he said.

"You're wrong, Hymie," I replied. "I let him fight the only way he can and he kept his punches up." One of the wise-cracking guys in the crowd overheard us. "You ought to know Ruby won't stand up for anybody, Hymie."

"You used the wrong word," I said to him. "To stand up the way you mean it would be to rob somebody.

"Don't get mad, Ruby," Hymie said. "I didn't mean anything bad." "I know you didn't, I replied, "But I don't like cracks like that from a character like him."

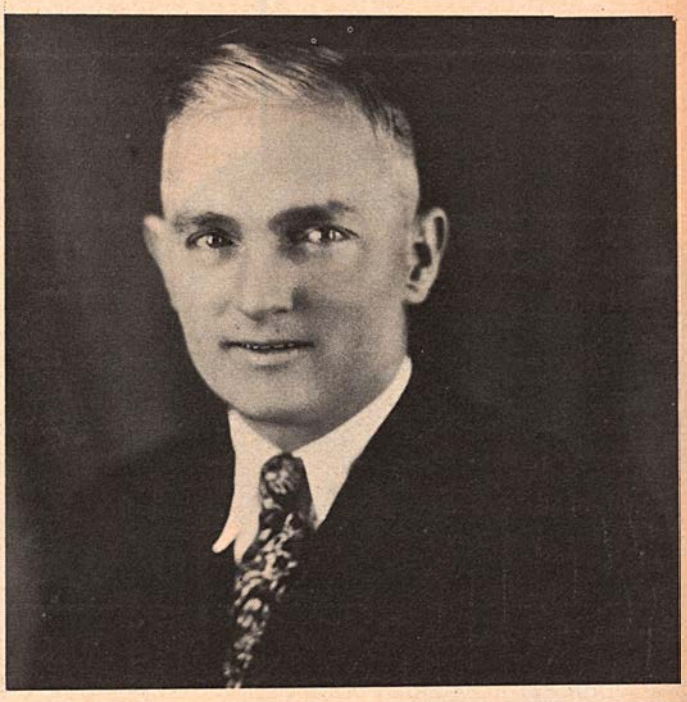
I didn't sleep a wink that night. I took inventory of myself. I always felt grateful that people directly in the boxing game had confidence in me. I knew that I would never let them nor my family down. I learned to avoid any situation that could possibly put me on a spot.

I was extremely careful as to what street I'd walk on, what hangouts I would frequent and what people I would engage in conversation. Of course I'd always have a warm "hello" for every one.

Then a few things happened that made me really go into a shell. It wouldn't have surprised me if people thought I was some kind of a nut.

Here's a for instance:

A day or two after I had voted against one of Pete Reilly's fighters, I met Pete on the street. He asked, "Did you think he lost"? "Why do you think I voted against him?", I replied.



Pete Reilly, one of the best-known and highly-regarded managers of his era.

Pete smiled and said, "I guess you always call them as you see them."

Once, a sometime manager-sometime promoter asked me if I would go to a southern city to referee a fight he was putting on in partnership with a local promoter "Who's fighting?" I asked. He told me.

"Don't you manage one of them?" I asked. "You've got the wrong fellow, I don't protect anyone, get someone else." So he took another referee, one who wasn't licensed in New York. I learned that through the papers the day after the fight. The fellow who approached me had the fighter who got the decision but it did not meet with the full approval of the crowd.

On another occasion a friend said to me, "You pleasantly surprise me. I thought that when you became a referee and after hob-nobbing with all the boys, you sure would be one fellow to take a contract." By that he meant I could be persuaded by money or friendship toward a manager to protect his fighter. After this remark I went further into hiding.

I'll never forget my coming out of the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel and getting onto the West Side Highway on my way to one of the ballparks where I refereed one of the Willie Pep-Sandy Saddler fights. A car with two men in it slowed down alongside of my car. It was a hot day and my window was open. I recognized a Supreme Court Justice, a wonderful

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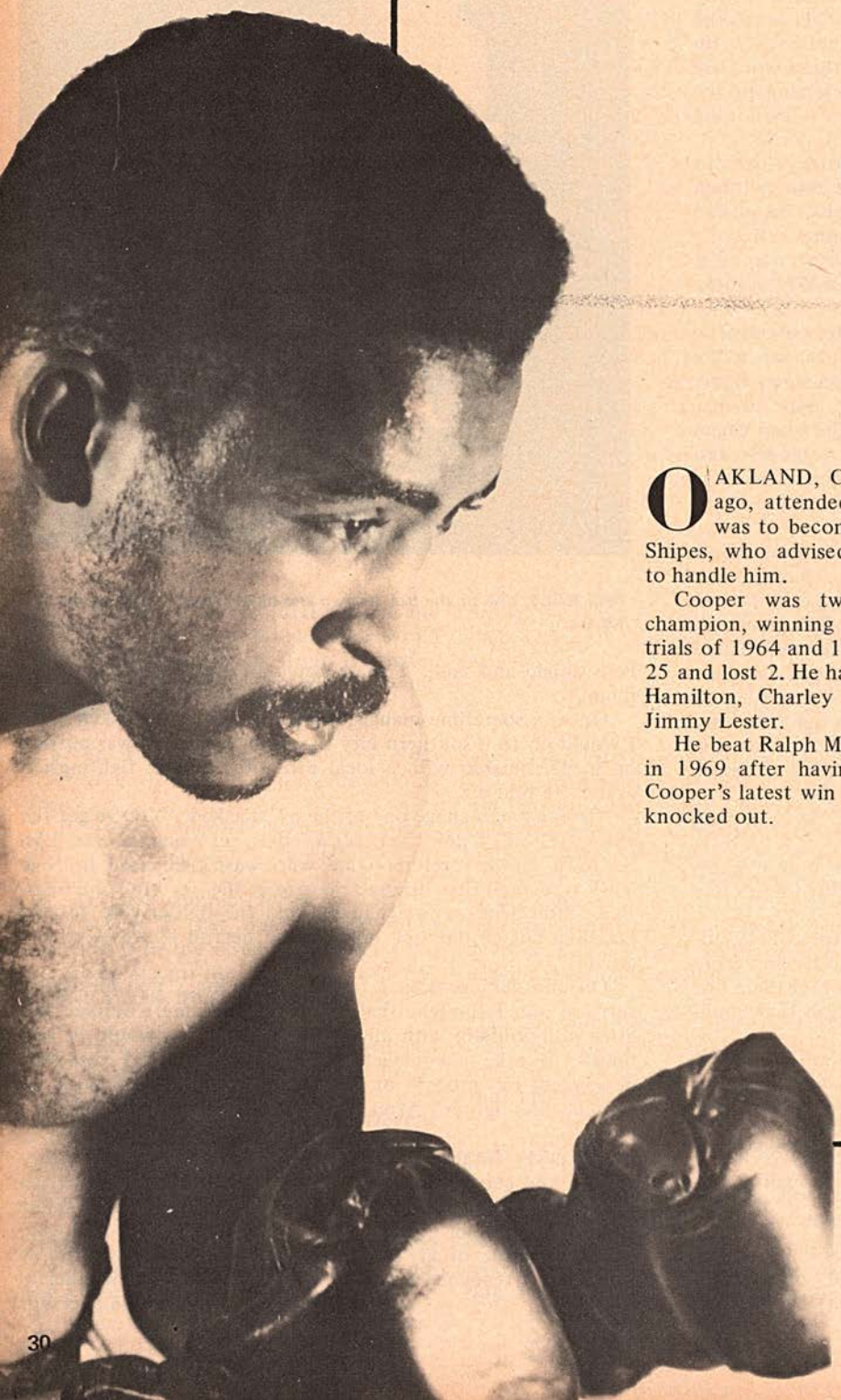
Veteran Cooper Is Not Content With State Title

By ALVIN MORLEY



OAKLAND, Calif.—George Cooper, born here 25 years ago, attended Castlemont High School. His life dream was to become a fighter. He spoke to his friend Charley Shipes, who advised him to get Allen Moore, veteran trainer, to handle him.

Cooper was twice golden glove and National A.A.U. champion, winning 32, losing 2, was runner up in the Olympic trials of 1964 and 1965. At 19 George turned pro. He has won 25 and lost 2. He has beaten Nate Collins, Billie Morris, Chuck Hamilton, Charley Austin, Honey Bear, Lonnie Harris and Jimmy Lester.

He beat Ralph McCoy for state middleweight championship in 1969 after having him on the floor twice in 12 rounds. Cooper's latest win was over Orlando de La Fuentes, who was knocked out.

California State middleweight champion George Cooper, who's out for bigger and better things.

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

OUTSIDE of Rocky Graziano, former middleweight champion, the most publicized former king, is the will'o-the-wisp, Willie Pep, twice holder of the world featherweight crown. The 51-year-old dynamo, who was managed by Lou Viscusi and trained by Bill Gore, is now living with his wife Geraldine in Weathersfield, Conn. He has a job with the Connecticut Boxing Commission in an advisory capacity, to promote better boxing. He works with Chico Vejar, ex-welterweight from Stamford, who is Secretary of the Board.

That's only one phase of Willie's activities. He also functions at times as a referee and is often found at banquets, where he makes a spiel about himself and his boxing career. . . .His time is given a good deal also to plugging his book "Friday's Heroes" and he even made a trip to dear old London for that purpose.

Willie has two boys and two girls. There is 4½ year old Melissa by his wife Geraldine, and the other three by previous marriages. His son, Mike, 18, is a student at Jackson Memorial College in Sitka, Alaska, having won a basketball scholarship.

A daughter Mary 29, has a son Billy, five years old. Pep has another son, also a Billy, who is 28.

Pep's fistic achievements as a scrapper are a real epic. He compiled a wonderful record. The little dynamo, who began as an amateur in 1937 and boxed as one for two and a half years, garnering several titles, was only a fore-runner of his display of fistic ingenuity as a pro that saw him engage in 241 professional skirmishes, of which he won 229, 65 via the kayo route. He boxed one draw, and lost only 11 scraps, six of them by KO.

Pep was unbeaten after compiling a remarkable winning streak, until he clashed with Sammy Angott, lightweight king, in a ten spot in the 8th Avenue Madison Square Garden, and that one was so close it could have gone either way. . . Pep captured the title for the first time when he defeated a great gladiator, the late Chalky Wright, in a 15-round bout in the 8th Avenue Garden on Nov. 20, 1942. . . He lost his championship to Sandy Saddler, another great 126 pounder, in 1948, regained it from Sandy Saddler, three months later. He held on to the crown again until 1951 when he was once more dethroned by Saddler . . .Pep held the championship for nine years before his first setback by Saddler, a New Yorker, who was managed by the late Charley Johnston.

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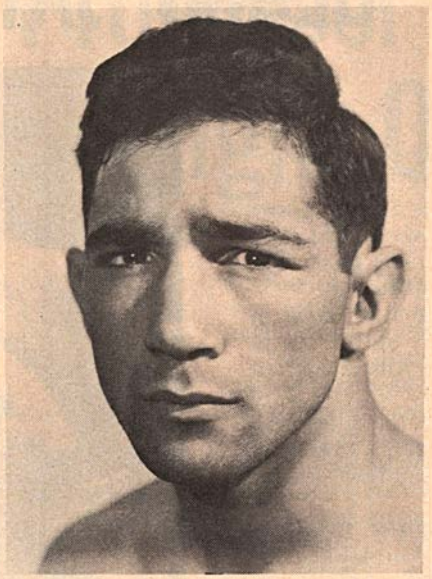
An old timer still active on the fight beat is Italian-born Richard Li Brandi, now 62 and living in New York at 13 Oliver St. The flyweight, who boxed as an amateur from 1932 to 1937, captured the Metropolitan, New York State, Golden Gloves and Intercity titles, as well as the Diamond Belt in 1934, he turned pro, his managers being Hymie Caplan and Charley Harvey, and trainers Phil Kelly and brother Joe. . . Richard had only 14 pro scraps, but he did meet such headliners as Joe Tiekan, Indian Quintana and Tony Marino. . . The affable LiBrandi is married, his wife's name is Rose and they have one daughter, Catherine.



WILLIE PEP

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Bill 'Moose' Miller, who was 80 in February, has finally closed out his active career and has decided to enjoy himself from now on albeit he still belongs to Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21, in Brooklyn, and manages to keep getting around. Bill was associated with baseball before he started his fistic activity managing the well known semi-pro team, the Visitations. . .

It was in 1910 that "Moose" moved into the fight game at the Gowanus A.C., in Brooklyn, where Terry McGovern, great bantam and feather king, was a referee. . . . Later associated with Andy Niederreiter, who broke in with the late Johnny Weismantle when he was in knickers. He lives in Japan. . . Bill with Arthur Pelkey, one of the White Hopes, who was in the ring with Luther McCarthy at Calgary, Canada, when the latter died in the first round. "Moose" was with Pelkey in 1912 and '13.

Miller also was the first matchmaker in Shea Stadium, when Al Bolan was the promoter, presenting the Jose Torres-Wayne Thornton light heavyweight title match. . .Bill also did some chores for the Garden on fight nights handling the press . . .He was always a nice chap and is well liked.

As for the "Moose's" family life, he and his wife have two children, Eddie and James, 9 grandchildren, 10 great grand children and one great great-grandchild. Miller decided that more than 60 years in the boxing game was a long stretch and now that he's retired he's enjoying himself with his offspring.

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Tami Mauriello, colorful Bronxite, who built himself up from a welter to a heavyweight, recently marked his 25th year with the Grumman Aerospace Corporation of Bethpage, L.I. Talk about wars, Tami was in many as he fought them all. .We remember the night he met his arch rival, Steve Belloise, a pretty good belter in his own right, and demolished his man in the 8th Avenue Garden. . . Stevie is the chap who had champion Ken Overlin on deck but failed to win the middleweight crown in the same ring.

Stephen T. Mauriello, is Tami's real monicker, was, as we said, in plenty of thrillers. . . His manager was Lefty Rimini. . .As he was graduated from one division to another he finally battled the late Gus Lesnevich for the light heavyweight title in the 8th Avenue Garden and lost that one in a thriller. . . . Three times more Tami engaged Gus, a great one, and finally suffered a knockout in

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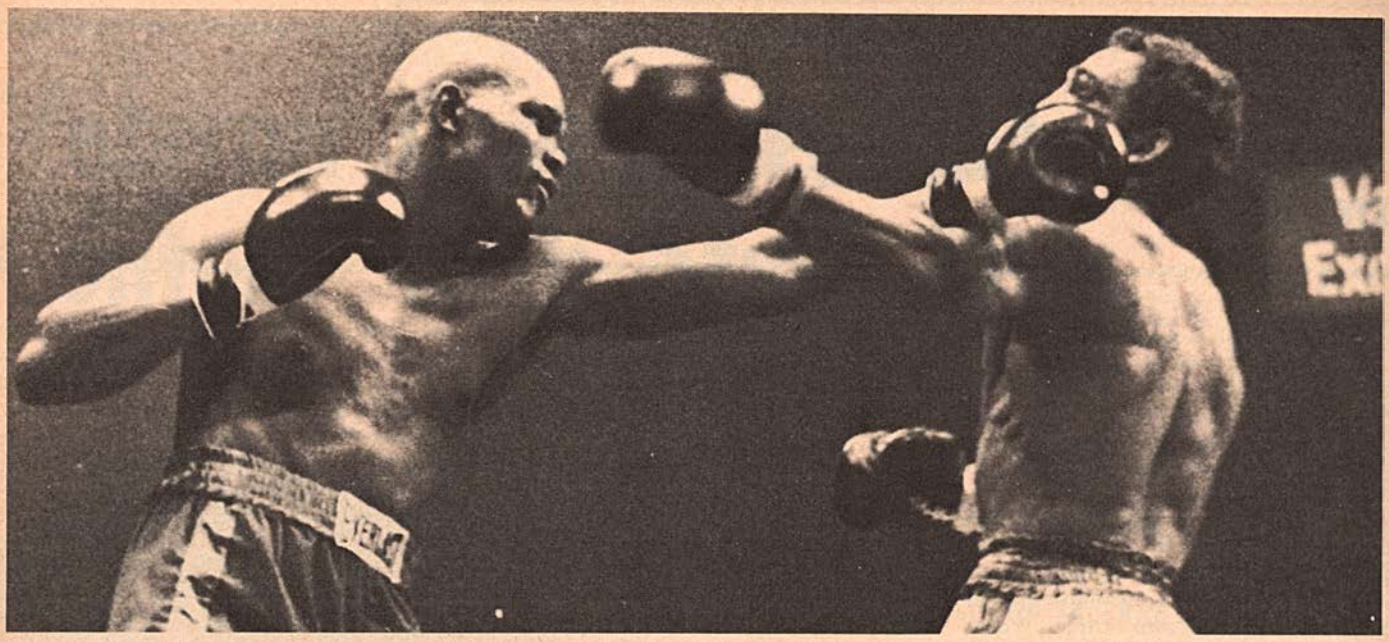


Benny Briscoe of Philadelphia (USA) left, was behind on points in his scheduled 12 round bout with Australia's Tony Mundine in the early rounds of the contest at the Paris Palais des Sports.

MUNDINE'S GLASS JAW EXPOSED

By JACK A. TREE

PARIS, France—31 year-old Benny Briscoe from Philadelphia, kayoed Australia's 'Golden Boy' of boxing, Tony Mundine, in five rounds at the Palais des Sports. Those who suspected Mundine of having a glass jaw were right. The Australian was by far the better and more durable boxer and was leading in front on points when the fight ended.

Briscoe was always prepared to take a couple of blows in order to land a punch. A right caught Mundine on the jaw in round five and it was obvious to all that the Australian had been hurt.

A barrage of punches set Mundine up on the ropes and vicious body blows sent the Australian down on one knee.

Referee Paul Tallyrach took up the count but few thought that this was the end. But the end it was.

Mundine was counted out as he tried to rise from the canvas. The end was disappointing for Mundine looked far from being a defeated man as he took the count.

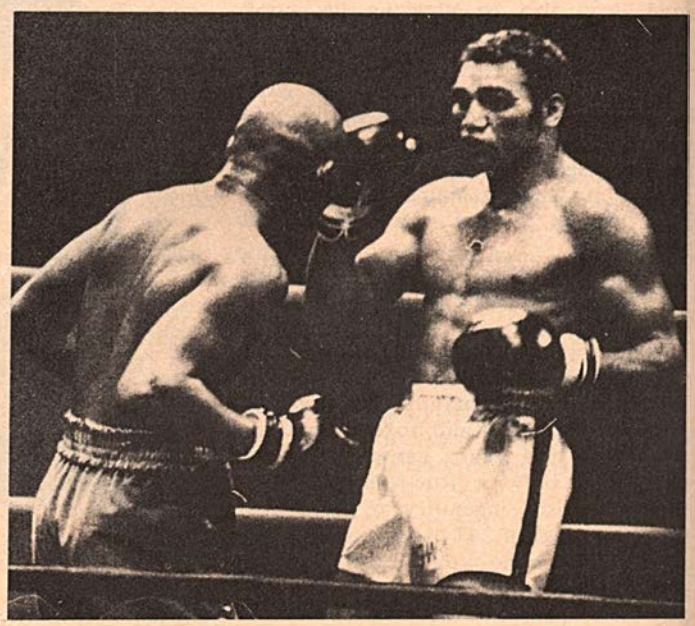
True, he had been cut above the right eye, but being the great fighter he is, one would have thought that he would have got off the canvas to have just one more go at Briscoe. The longer the fight went the better it would have been for Mundine.

Earlier in the bout Mundine's right crosses, left hooks and jabs saw the Australian on top and in round two he produced some real class boxing. But the fewer punches thrown by Briscoe carried more weight and were wearing Tony down.

The Commonwealth champion has had 48 fights, won 44, lost 3 and drawn 1.

This was his first defeat in 23 consecutive fights. Briscoe has won 49 of his 63 bouts, lost 12, drew 1 with one no decision.

In November last year Mundine looked real good outpointing Emile Griffith but the Americans defeat by Tony Licata took some of the glamour from Mundine's win. Promoter Charles Michaelis was hoping to hear that Carlos Monzon had called it a day, for he could have then billed Briscoe and Mundine for the world's vacant middleweight title. With Monzon still not retired he could only call this match a middleweight eliminator. What happens now? Does Briscoe get a title bout with Monzon, the guy with whom he already has fought twenty five rounds?

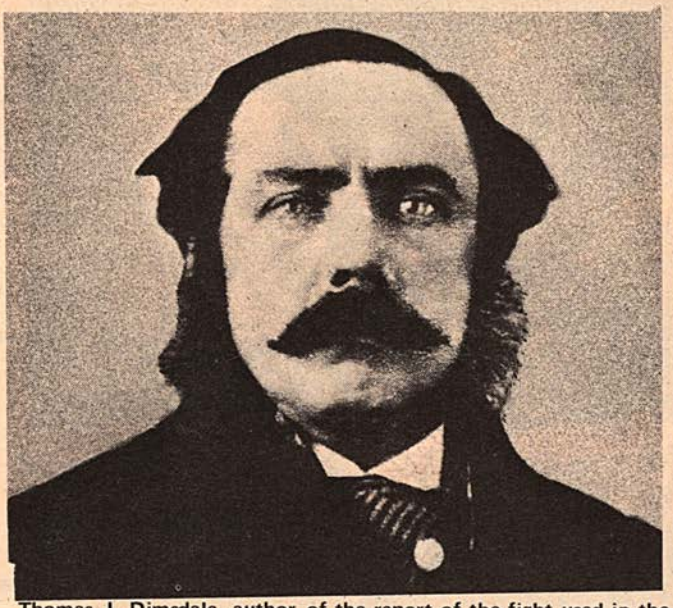


Still behind on points Briscoe forced Mundine into the ropes and then a right hand landed flush on Mundine's jaw and he was down and out! The round was the fifth.

The first bout, in 1967, ended in a draw and in the second in 1972 Briscoe lost to Monzon. With the Australian aborigine already in line for a world title bout one wonders why he accepted such a dangerous puncher as Briscoe at this stage.

He is still only 23 and can still come back in to a challenging position. But right now the man the promoters will want to know is Benny Briscoe. *(Continued on page 38)*

Con Orem, who fought Hugh O'Neil to a draw in a fantastic 185-round glove battle.



Thomas J. Dimsdale, author of the report of the fight used in the accompanying story.

(Photo, courtesy of Historical Society of Montana, Helena)

Montana Professor Digs Up 185-Round Fight Of 1865

By HAZEN K. GILLIARD

MISSOULA, Montana—Credit Dr. Warren J. Brier, dean of the School of Journalism of the University of Montana here, in Missoula, with discovery of a fight record not to be found in any compilation of ring data, ancient or modern.

Brier found an 185-round glove battle which was fought on January 2, 1865, in Levithan Hall, in Virginia City, Territory of Mont. The participants, who ended up in a draw, were Con Orem and a miner named Hugh O'Neil who outweighed the more experienced Orem by 52 pounds.

The referee was J.A. Nelson, a saloon keeper who had built the arena.

This wearing struggle, longest in the United States or Britain, between men wearing light gloves, lasted 3 hours 5 minutes and was ended by common consent. Both battlers were unable to stand up and the miners all were for a draw, and got it.

Brier got his information from the Virginia City "Montana Post." The report was written by Thomas J. Dimsdale, editor of the Post.

The contest was fought in the old bare knuckle tradition, with a lot of clinching, tumbling, wrestling and uprovoked falling as the men neared total exhaustion. Orem had done some fighting in New York while O'Neil had had some saloon fights with other miners. Virginia City since has been made famous by the Bonanza television series, which has been running for years.

To follow reporter Dinsmore through the 185 rounds would be tiresome and a waste of valuable paper. However, the start and the finish are interesting. The story of the first ten rounds follows:

Round 1—Was short and lively. Con got in his right on the ribs receiving a facsimile from Hugh. The men closed for the fall and after a severe struggle both fell; Con undermost.

2. Very little show, but Hugh rushed Con into his corner—sharp exchanges on the ribs, O'Neil obtaining a right hander on the mug from Orem, then closing both down, Orem under. The appearance of the claret on Hugh's left cheek announced the first blood for Orem. In running to raise Con, Joe Riley struck Hugh behind the ear with the toe of his boot, receiving as an acknowledgment a rap on the 'tatoe trap from Hugh's left.

3. After a little sparring, Con sent a right-handed straight shooter heavily into Hugh's ribs a little below the arm pit, receiving a counter from Hugh, somewhat short, in a corresponding location. Con slipped to his knees, but jumping up let fly his left on Hugh's knowledge box. Hugh returned the compliment heavily with his left just below the shoulder, knocking Con, who was retiring, off his feet. First knock down for Hugh. Loud cheers from O'Neil's friends, and offers of three to one, in hundreds, against Orem.

4. Careful sparring, Con making all the play; Hugh carefully on the watch, merely turning to face his antagonist without losing ground. A tremendous spank from Con's right went home on Hugh's ribs; the men closed and Con fell undermost.

5. Heavy exchanges right and left on the body; Hugh forced Con back to the ropes and hugged him against the post 'til separated by the referee.

6. Careful sparring; quick countering on the ribs with the right hands of both men. Con sent in his left on the same spot

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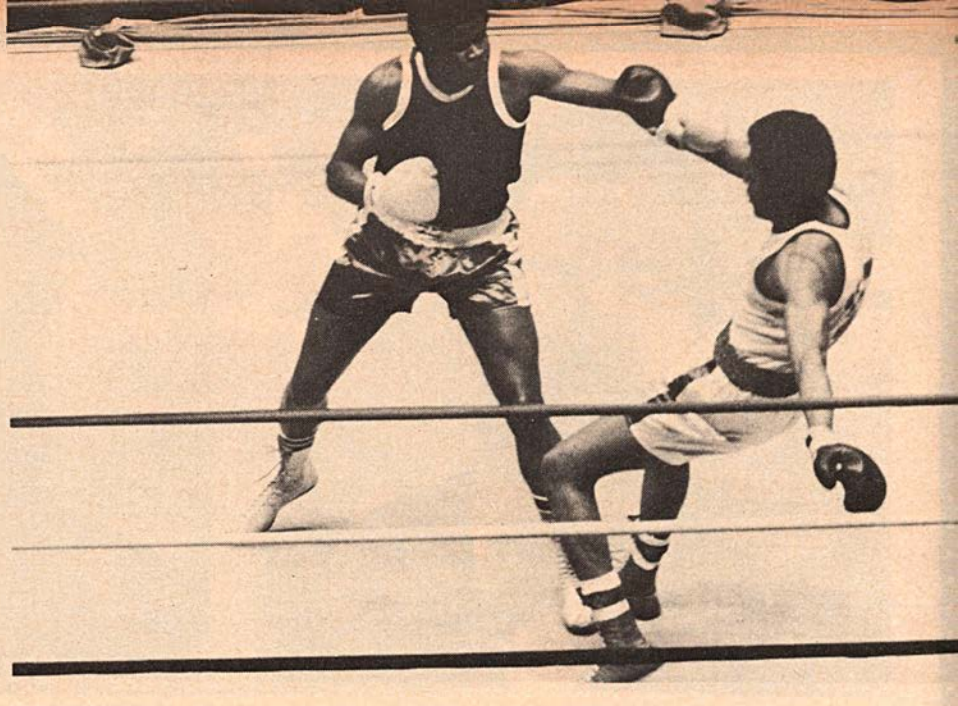
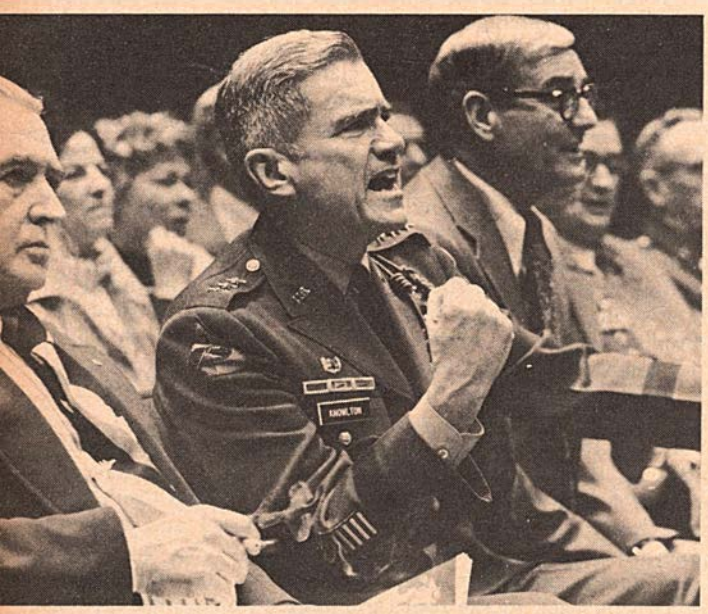


On the left there is action in the 160 pound class. Jerry Johnson, West Point (white shirt) is beating Manuel Melon. Above, C. J. Bar Brown is about to hit the deck against Gregory Brazell, from NY Fire Dept. Heavyweight open.

CADETS IN GOLDEN GLOVES RECORD 20,228 IN GARDEN



A big night for the Glovers. The picture shows General William Knowlton, superintendent at West Point. Army never before was involved in Golden Gloves tournament. On his right: President of the New York News Charities, Harry Forbes.

By HARRY WARREN

THE 48th Annual New York Golden Gloves championships held in the Madison Square Garden were terrific. The program went along smoothly, 20,228 enthusiastic patrons watched three hours of action and lifted it all the way.

It was a cause for celebration for 1,000 cadets who traveled to the Garden from West Point. Led by Academy-Superintendent, Lieut-General William H. Knowlton, Brigadier-General Philip Feir, the Commandant of Cadets, and Colonel John S.B. Dick, dean of West Points Academic Board.

Two cadets battled their way through the exacting prelims and were in the finals.

Plebe Al Fracker, lost and Cadet Captain Jerry Johnson won.

"We are mighty proud of them," the General said. "They are the first West Pointers to gain such lofty berth's in this tournament."

Boxing is mandatory the General said, we also have intramural competitions in 36 company units that produce real esprit de corps.

Here is how the long program wound up for the winners.

OPEN CLASS

106 lbs.–Gabe Perillo, PAL (Sweeney Center) Referee

Anthony Santana is landing a long right to jaw of Malcolm Driver in 118 pound open. Santana won that title.

stopped fight, 1:43 of round 3, beating out Ricardo Torres of Wagner Center.

112 lbs.–Anthony Stokes, United Block Association, outpointed Jimmy Magnifico, Leather Pushers A.C.

118 lbs.–Anthony Santana, PAL (Phipps Center) outpointed Malcom Driver, PAL, (Howard Houses).

126 lbs.–Howard Davis, unattached, KO'd Fernando Rodriguez, Solar Sporting Club, 2:40 of 1st round.

135 lbs.–Terrance Butler, PAL, (Wynn Center) outpointed Luis Rodriguez, Wagner Center.

147 lbs.–Alfred Fletcher, Morrisania Youth Center, outpointed Jose Elias, NYC Recreation (St. Jogn's).

160 lbs.–John Mills, Islip Town Recreation, outpointed David Rogers, United Block Ass'n.

175 lbs.–Edward Davis, Time Out Club, outpointed Al Fracker, Army (West Point).

Heavyweight–Gregory Brazell, NYC Fire Dept. A, outpointed C.J. Bar Brown, Morrisania Youth Center

SUB-NOVICE CLASS

106 lbs.–Pedro Alvarado, Solar Sporting Club, outpointed Luis Diaz, NYC-Recreation (St. Mary's).

112 lbs.–Ismael Maldonado, PAL (Howard Houses) outpointed Hipolito Padilla, Solar Sporting Club.

118 lbs.–Toney Bruce, NYC Recreation (St. Mary's) outpointed Rusberto Santiago, Solar Sporting Club.

126 lbs.–Marcial Santiago, Solar Sporting Club, outpointed Angel Ortiz, Wagner Center.

135 lbs.–Carlos Paneta, PAL (Lynch Center) outpointed Otis Brown, Knights CC.

147 lbs.–Johnny Hayes, NYC Fire Department AA, outpointed Steve Perez, Morrisania Youth Center.

160 lbs.–Jerry Johnson, Army (West Point) outpointed Manuel Melon, NYC Recreation (St. John's).

175 lbs.–Earl Leon, Solar Sporting Club, outpointed Jose Rosa, Solar Sporting Club.

Heavyweight–Mike Orrach Islip Town Recreation - winner by forfeit, over Timothy Marquart, Empire Sporting Club.

One of the fans was the Mayor of New York City–Abraham Beame. With the mayor was Police Commissioner Michael Codd, Fire-Commissioner John O'Hagen and the top lawman of the Bronx-District Attorney Mario Merola.

Also spotted were N.Y. State Controller Arthur Levitt and the Special Prosecutor Maurice Nadjari. Professional boxers were noted in the stands–Former flyweight champion of the

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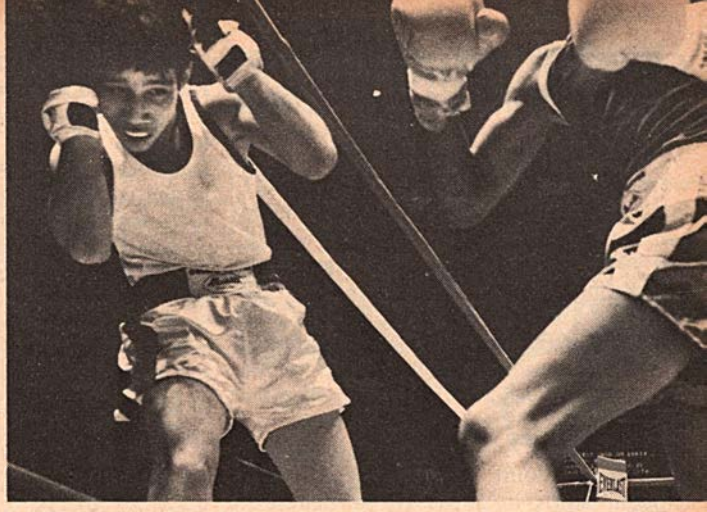
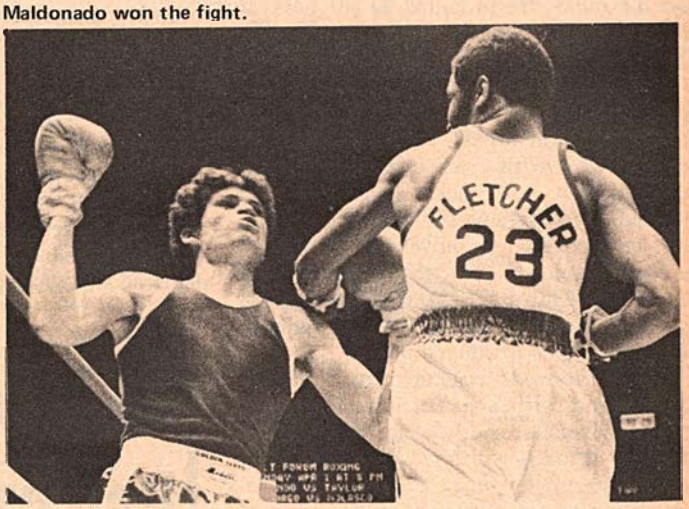
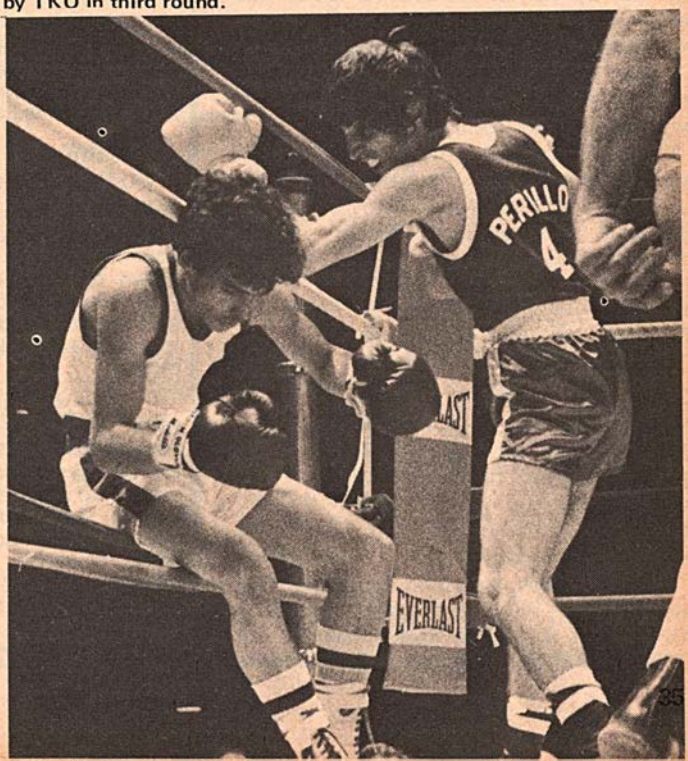


Ismael Maldonado, (white trunks) of P A L is in a tough spot in the 112 pound novice in his fight with Hipolito Padillo of the Solar Gym. But Maldonado won the fight.



Above, in 147 pound open, Alfred Fletcher, ultimate winner, is knocking Jose Elias into ropes. Below Richard Torres is sitting on the ropes, out of choice, against Gabe Parillo in 106 pound final. Gabe won by TKO in third round.



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world-Corp Izzy Schwartz, Former feathers king Petey Scalzo, Undefeated bantam king Charlie (Phil) Rosenberg, and Phil Terranova, former feather champion.

Colonel Don Miller, U.S.A. Ret. the Executive Director of the United States Olympic Committee, was an interested ringsider. He was a former Intercollegiate middleweight champion at Wisconsin.

Eddie Davis and the Plebe (freshman) from West Point Al Fracker provided enough thrills in a toe to toe slugfest. Davis won as he did in 1973. Last year's 175 lb. open champion, had something on his mind. He intended to get back at the man who won out over his brother John in the semi-final.

The first round in the 175 final saw both boxers, rush into each other, throwing punches at each other. Davis connected with a left and right combination to Fracker's head and it looked like curtains for the Army man, but he recovered to move into Davis with a combination of punches that shook the Time Out Club boxer. Davis came out of a clinch to catch Fracker with a right to the nose which produced blood.

Davis moved Fracker into a neutral corner and with a succession of punches to the head and body—had the Cadet in trouble and the referee Randy Sandy delivered an 8-count. But the physical conditioning of Fracker, must account for his remarkable recovery.

Fracker, made a remarkable comeback to finish the round. The second and third rounds were copies of the first round. Punching from all angles—both boys did not let up for an instant. To Davis was awarded the bout and the title. This bout was given an ovation.

The victory avenged a close 3-round verdict scored by Fracker over Davis's younger brother John in the semis.

In the 160 lb. sub-novice division, another cadet, Jerry Johnson, a senior cadet from Hamilton, Ohio, scored a decision over Manuel Melon in an all-action contest.

Fracker, loser, and Johnson, winner, were the first Cadets ever to appear in the New York Golden Gloves.

Gabe Perillo, of the Police Athletic League, a member of Staten Island Sweeney Center, won the 106 lb. Open title. His father must have been the proudest man in the Garden as he watched his son emulate a feat that he had performed in 1943, when Gabe Sr., won a Golden Gloves title.

Perillo, who was the 106-lb. runner up—in 1973, 18 years old, attending New Dorp High School in Staten Island, met Ricardo Torres, 17 years old, of Wagner Youth Center, a native of Ponce, Puerto Rico. Perillo outpunched Torres and from the bell. In the 2nd round, Torres had to take an 8-count from referee Carl Kuhlmeier. The referee stopped the fight in the 3rd round to prevent Torres from suffering further punishment.

The heavyweight Open Final between Greg Brazell, and C.J. Bar Brown, Morrisania Youth Center, was won by Brazell. A resident of the Bronx, is 18-years old, a Junior at West Side High School. He reached the 1973-semi-finals in the heavyweight sub-novice class.

In the first round, both boxers mixed it. Brown walked into a right —and referee Frank Nardizzi—gave Brown the 8-count. Brown recovered and rushed into Brazell. Brown got the worst of the exchanges and a bloody nose.

In the second-round both boxers made efforts to land a decisive blow, what they lacked in science—they made up for in effort. In this round both received as much as they gave. Brown grazed Brazell's nose.

The busiest man in the ring in the third round, was Frank Nardizzi, he was constantly breaking clinches. Both boxers were covered in blood. Brazell was declared the winner. . .

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DOMINGO MOVES INTO BRAZIL'S FLYWEIGHT TITLE

By BO ZAINE

Sao Paulo, Brazil — Bantamweight prospect Danilo Batista won his ninth straight when he outpointed tough Josias Melchiades over eight rounds. Unbeaten Afonso Euzebio won in a hard six rounder over Manoel Vieira. They are featherweights. Bantams Sergio Lopes and Antonio Franca went six rounds to a draw, while Brazilian based Uruguayan Carlos Alvarez won his second pro fight. He outpointed junior welter Itibere Rodrigues in four.

▲**Sao Paulo** — Pedro Domingos became the new flyweight champion of Brazil, when he decisioned Joao Couto over twelve hardfought rounds. The title was left vacant after the retirement of Servilio DeOliveira. Lightweight Joao Aziago outpointed Aparecido Batista in six, heavyweight Antonio Martins decisioned Alaerte Vaz also in six and Doegenes Pacheco stopped Jose Maria Aguiar in a welter contest that ended in the third.

▲**Sao Paulo** — Luiz Fabre, ranked middleweight and South American middleweight champion, had an easy foe in Brazilian veteran Vitor Timoteo. Fabre gave Timoteo a boxing lesson for three rounds, which had Timoteo giving up in the interval to the fourth. Joao Mendonca, Brazil's possibly best prospect right now, crashed Alvacir Doria from Rio de Janeiro in the third round. Mendonca, a junior middleweight, is both Latin- and South American amateur champion. Claudio Santos decisioned Vanildo DeOliveira over six good featherweight rounds. Debuting bantam Deusdete Vasconcellos, Brazilian ex-Olympian, won over four rounds from veteran Jose DeSouza.

BALTIMORE RING CRITIC DOUBTS ELLIS EARNED DRAW WITH MIDDLETON

By JOE POODLES, SR.

Baltimore, Md. — Local heavyweight Larry Middleton looked more like a legitimate challenger for heavyweight honors in his ten round draw with Jimmy Ellis, former W.B.A. world heavyweight champion at the Capitol Centre arena in Landover, Md.

One could say that Middleton was the victim of a hometown decision in favor of the out-of-town invader. The draw verdict would be fair if the bout was scheduled for five rounds but the last five rounds proved the undoing of Ellis as Middleton got into the groove with his clubbing left jab and found the mark as often as not.

In the ninth and again in the tenth Ellis was on queer street with Middleton going all out for the kayo. The look on Ellis's face showed desperation and inevitable defeat. The final bell was sweet music to Jimmy as halfway through the final round he looked up at the clock with a worried look to see how far the round was advanced.

Referee Lew Eskin's score card showed 46-44 for Ellis, judge Tom Kelly came up with 46-45 for Middleton and the biggest surprise was judge Larry Barrett's 47-47 call.

As the draw verdict was announced, Ellis showed extreme pleasure with a big grin while Angelo Dundee nodded assent with the decision. Middleton weighing 208½ had a nine pound pull in the avoirdupois department.

Promoter Eli Hanover, in conjunction with Abe Pollin, was satisfied with the unannounced attendance figures and hopes to rematch them for an April date. Matchmaker Eddie Hrica once again proved his capabilities in putting together a card that had the fans jumping throughout the entire show.

GOSS AND EVERETT WIN FEATURE FIGHTS IN PHILLY

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa. — Top area featherweights Sammy Goss and Tyrone Everett were both successful to one degree or another in separate ten-rounders at the Spectrum. The double victory before 4,820 fans set the stage for a showdown between the two men in the near future.

Goss, making his first start in seven months, took a slow paced, uninspiring decision over Mexico City's Clemente Mucino.

Everett, on the other hand, turned in a sparkling performance, easily outpointing Luis Lopez.

Sammy had been sidelined for so long due to what the doctors called "a frontal virus" and was naturally cautious. Unfortunately, Mucino was equally discreet, making for a dull match. Neither man did much but Goss' work to the body carried most rounds. Each weighed 129.

In the best showing of his untarnished 19 bout career, Everett thrashed local rival Luis Lopez. Tyrone tore after his man from the opening bell, exhibiting much more aggression than he has been known for in the past.

Lopez, 125, could not start to solve Tyrone's southpaw style and was reduced to soaking up punishment most of the night.

Everett boasted before the fight that he would become the first to stop Lopez and he went about his task in earnest. A crackling right spilled Luis in the first but he rose to last the distance.

TEXAS HAILS CANOLITO FOR SHOWING IN GOLDEN GLOVES

By HARLAN HAAS

Dallas, Tex. — One of the best looking heavyweight prospects seen in a local ring in quite some time was unveiled in recent "Good Gloves" and what an awesome display of firepower 19-year-old Lee Canolito has at his command.

The Italian blockbuster stands 6-4 and weighs a muscular 265. He took the novice heavyweight title easily enough and along the way beat another youngster, 18-year-old Joe Bevill, who stands 6-3 and weighs 245, who looked extremely good. Bevill is the son of former pro boxer Van Bevill (Florida).

Canolito is well known to local sports followers as one-half of the monstrous freshman defensive tackle duo (Wilson Whitley at 6-3, 285, mans the other spot) who performed so nobly for the 11-1 University of Houston football team that overwhelmed Auburn in the Bluebonnet Bowl and captured the number nine spot nationally.

Creed Fountain, trainer of Johnny Baldwin, says that Canolito is the same type puncher as was the late Sonny Liston during his heyday as king of the heavies. Three more years as a starting defensive tackle and perhaps a National amateur heavyweight boxing title in mind, you'll be hearing plenty from this young man.

In one of the best fights seen locally in a long while Roy Barrientes kayoed rugged Frank (Little Smokey) Young in the eleventh round of a scheduled 12 round fight for the Texas welterweight title. Barrientes was hitting the comeback trail. They boxed at the small Carta Blanca Arena in Houston.

DALLAS MARTIN SCORES SHUTOUT VS. DeLaROCHA

By ALAN ESKEW

Dallas, Texas — James Martinez, of Dallas, made his debut as a 10-round fighter and pitched a no-hitter in winning a unanimous decision over Mexico's Jose de la Rocha. Martinez knocked Rocha down in the first round and had him in trouble in the fifth en route to a unanimous decision.

The two judges and referee gave Martinez the maximum of 100 points, while Rocha scored 90, 89 and 88 on the cards. Martinez, 117, improved his record to 6-0, while Rocha, 123, has a 12-4 record.

In the semifinal of the Dallas card promoted by Richard Menchaca, Ward Jones, 146, of Dallas, registered a one-round knockout over Adolfo Rivas, 143, of San Antonio.

In a slugfest that saw both fighters staggered, Jones ended it with a terrific uppercut at 2:59. Rivas took the 10 count and had to be helped from the ring.

A packed house watched Mike Quarry decision Brian Kelly in Oklahoma City. The crowd was pro Kelly, but the younger Quarry had too many cute moves.

Kelly was able to hurt Quarry with his wild onrushing flurries. There were no knockdowns in the 10-round bout featuring two of the top light heavyweights in the country. Both have had their chance at world champion Bob Foster, but came out second best.

Oklahoma heavyweight Tom Berry stopped Pete Knight in the first round in a prelim. The card was promoted by Pat O'Brady, who continues to bring the best to Oklahoma City fights buffs.

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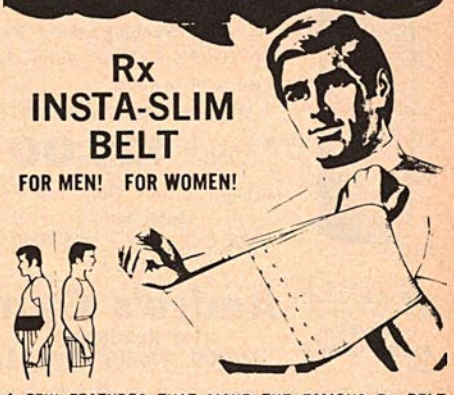

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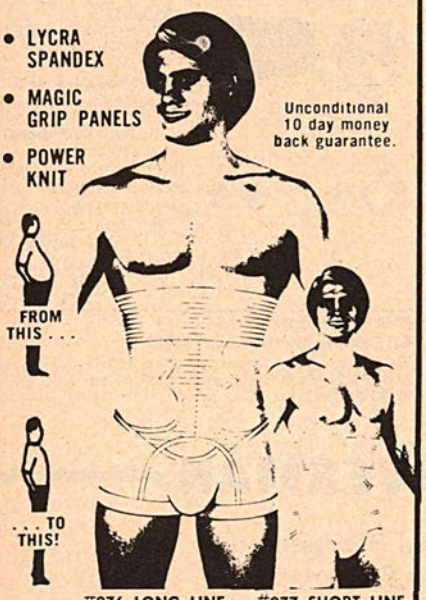

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NEW ARENA DOING WELL IN ● CAPITAL — BALTO. SUBURB ●

By EDWIN SCULLEN

Washington, D.C. — Boxing in the Capital area has focused on the new Capital arena located in Largo, Md. just off the Washington beltway in the heart of suburbia.

The Ali-Frazier closed-circuit TV bout was a sellout of 17,000 at the Capital Center. The live Jimmy Ellis-Larry Middleton card at the same location drew only 5,126 fans and a gate of $50,000.

The Middleton-Ellis match-up, touted in advance press releases as the first major live heavyweight bout in Washington since the 1941 Louis-Buddy Baer contest, received excellent press coverage. One local radio station carried the bout live, while a TV channel showed highlights of the fight.

Co-promoters Abe Pollin, owner of the Capital Center, and the veteran Eli Hanover of Baltimore had hoped for a bigger turnout; but both vowed to be back shortly with another promotion.

Ellis and Middleton fought to a draw. The result left their respective futures up in the air, with no indication of bigger and better things.

Ellis had the best of the early going, rocking Middleton in the first with an overhand right.

Middleton hung on gamely, however, and after the fifth round the action swung his way. Apparently this was enough to influence the judges and referee in his favor. A sizable percentage of fans disagreed with a draw verdict, siding instead with home-towner Middleton.

Referee Lou Eskin had it 46-44 Ellis; judge Tom Kelly favored Middleton 46-45; and judge Larry Barett called it a 47-47 draw.

The undercard consisted of four six-round heavyweight bouts and a lone middleweight contest.

In the heavies, Jimmy Young, Baltimore, won a unanimous decision over Speedy Jordan, Norfolk; Obie English, Philadelphia, TKOed Harold Carter of Cleveland at 1:34 of the third; Smokey Middleton, Washington, scored a unanimous decision over Baltimore's John Giroski; and John Berry, Washington, D.C., scored two knockdowns enroute to a unanimous decision over John L. Johnson, Miami Beach. And in the middleweight bout, Leo (kid) Saenz, Potomac, Md., TKOed Willie Williams of Willoughby, Ohio, at 41 seconds of the second frame.

OBED KEEPS WINNING BUT ● MEDINA SOMETIMES TOUGH ●

By HANK KAPLAN

Miami Beach, Fla. — Making it 44 straight without a career loss, Elisha Obed, 155, Nassau, Bahamas, pinpointed left jabs and hooks to the head of Vicente Medina, 152½, Tuscon, Arizona, and stopped his visiting rival in the seventh round. Three cuts around Medina's left eye spurted profusely as referee Cy Gottfried halted the action which was not exactly one-sided at the end. Medina came to life in the sixth and fateful seventh, landing his right cross, which until then, appeared to be in mothballs.

Admittedly, Obed found Medina one of his toughest foes. Medina stood up under plenty of power shots driven home by the vaunted Obed left hand. His courage was generously applauded.

In the semi-final, popular Tony Greene, 170, Miami, gave away 12 pounds to persistent Bob Freeze, 182, Arizona, and handily won the unanimous 8 round decision. Freeze weathered several good right hands Tony landed on target and fought back vigorously.

Eladio Leal (The Cuban Kid), 127½, Miami, and Freddie Majors, 129½, Nassau, battled to an exciting draw verdict. Both participants shared trouble spots during the active encounter for the entire eight rounds.

In a scheduled four rounder, Pete Balcunes, 215½, Fort Lauderdale, was taken out in the second by Orestes Davis, 205, Fort Lauderdale.

In an amateur bout, Andy Maxwell, 159, Cairo, Georgia, found himself in trouble in the first round, came back strong in the second and landed a haymaker in the third on the chin of Bobby Harp, 168, Boynton Beach. A right hook put Harp on the deck and while he beat the count his glassy eyes forced the referee to intervene.

▲**Miami Beach, Fla.** — Prophecies of world titledom were generally advanced in behalf of Jimmy Scott, 176, Newark, as he scored a technical knockout over "Baby-Boy" Rolle, 180, light heavyweight champion of the Bahamas, in the eighth round at the Miami Beach Auditorium.

After only three professional fights, Scott pole-vaulted into the main event slot against Rolle and dominated the fight from the beginning, winning every round by considerable margins until the end when the Bahamian fighter staggered across the ring and the referee stopped the fight.

Scott tossed some heavy leather but the rock-chinned Rolle remained on his feet to the astonishment of the audience. In the seventh and eighth rounds, Rolle found renewed vigor as he unwrapped roundhouse lefts and rights at Scott's abdomen without telling effect. The distance was the longest ever for Scott in his short career as a pro and marked his fourth successive victory, with three knockouts.

In another ten rounds, Marcel Clay, 166½, Opa-Locka, gained his most impressive victory as he halted the 15 bout winning skein of Angel Estevez, 167, Miami, with a unanimous ten round decision.

Though losing, Estevez landed enough right hands to half-close Clay's left eye. Clay used a sharp left jab and a new-found ability to dodge punches to win the exciting battle. The victory for Clay brings his record to 15-3-0.

In a scheduled eight rounder, Gene Wells, 165, Louisville, found himself the victim of a cut eye incurred in the third round following a collision of heads between him and Guillermo Escalera, 167, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Seemingly ahead in the fight, Wells fought until the end of the fourth round when a medical advisory brought the fight to a halt. The cut was too deep to risk coming out for the fifth and four more rounds of fighting. The ending resulted in a fifth round TKO win for Escalera.

A six rounder scheduled between Don Lutz of Milwaukee and Joe Hooks of Philadelphia was cancelled.

▲**Miami Beach,** — Rodney Bobick, 222, Bowlus, Minnesota, kid brother of Duane Bobick, found the range early in the scheduled ten rounder and cut down former WBA light-heavyweight champion Vicente Rondon, 185½, Caracas, Venezuela, in the third round after a feeble showing by the latter.

Since Rondon was not permitted to answer the bell sounding round three, the bout enters the record as a third round TKO for Bobick.

The giant showered his smaller opponent with left hooks and straight rights with very little retaliation. At the end of round two, Rondon's left eye was swelled shut and stymied with poor visibility. Bobick thus notched his 24th win in 27 fights while Rondon suffered his 14th loss against 40 victories.

Based on this showing, Rondon would be wise to either trim down to lightheavyweight proportions or consider retirement.

In the semi-final, sensational Jimmy Scott, 179½, Newark, N.J., made short work of Willie Johnson, 185, Boynton Beach, as the fight was halted after the bell sounded the opening of round four. Johnson was in poor condition as he returned to his corner after round three with a cut on his right eyelid to boot. This was Scott's third straight as a pro and judging from recent performances he will catapult to bigger things sooner than expected.

Another eight rounder found Angel Estevez, 170, Miami, extend his winning streak to 14 as he captured the decision over Jimmy Williams, 164, Jacksonville, who suffered a broken jaw early in the fight. Estevez had Williams in trouble in round one but game Jimmy bounced back to make the fight close in spots.

In a third eight round bout, Rickie Simaratana, 140, Boston, gained a split decision win over Leroy Walker, 140½, Miami, after two previous tries. Scoring more often in the last two rounds won the majority vote for Simaratana in close contest.

▲After four days of gloved fury, most of the time the action being observed from two rings, the Florida State Golden Glove Tournament was adjudged the finest amateur show ever presented in the State.

The tourney's success represented the joint efforts of Dick Lee, who presided over the City of Miami sponsored show, Dr. Mickey Demos, Sal Bunetta, Eddie Eckert, Sam Biller, Bill Hartnett, Larry Mujica, Jimmy Mackey and many others who contributed generously of their time and effort.

In the first Boxing Awards dinner ever for Miami, put together by Jerry Walley at the Miami Springs Country Club, Vinnie Curto was given the "Fighter of the Year" trophy, Angelo Dundee pulled down the "Trainer of the Year" award, Cy Gottfried was named the Referee of the Year and Joe Zeno, for his many contributions to boxing, was tagged "The Boxing Man of the Year," all in landslides.

Dr. Mickey Demos, former University of Miami boxing star who played an important role in the organization of this year's Golden Glove tournament for the State of Florida, represents the spirit of amateurism at its highest level. . .Former WBA heavyweight champ, Jimmy Ellis, is resting at his home in Louisville after a tough ten round draw against Larry Middleton at Landover, Maryland.

Jimmy is planning tohreturn to the Miami Beach Fifth Street Gym soon to prepare for another scheduled encounter out of the Miami area. . .During a furlough from his stint in the Marine Corps, Jackie Allbright returned to the ring wars with a second round TKO over Eddie Ruffin in the main event at Dick Lee's amateur show in the City of Miami Arena. . .Tony Green, based on his 1973 performances, was named as the Miami prospect of the Year.

Vernon McIntosh, Savannah lightheavyweight, has returned to Miami after being stopped by Jorge Ahumada in New York, and should see action soon in local rings.

The Vernon McIntosh-Billy Wagner battle stole the votes for the most spectacular contest during 1973. . .Al Moss, Bahamian welterweight, made a creditable showing against Sandy Torres in San Juan until a collision incurred cut on Al's eye halted the contest.

MUNDINE'S GLASS JAW EXPOSED

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European junior middleweight champion Frenchman, Jacques Kechichian, beat Perry Abney, from Philadelphia, who retired with a cut left eyebrow in round five. Abney took a mandatory count of eight in round two.

Leonard Tavarez held on to his French lightweight title, halting Dominique Azzaro in round eleven. A right had Azzaro down for a compulsory count of eight in frame seven. Marcel Giordanella, Paris, decisioned Alipate Korovou, Australia, eight. Lucien Rodriguez, France, beat Serge Jagot, France, who was disqualified in round five. Frank Matthew, USA, outscored Bele Apolosa, France, four.

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending April 15, 1973

HEAVYWEIGHTS

George Foreman kayoed Ken Norton, 2, retained World Heavyweight Title.
Ron Lyle outpointed Oscar Bonavena, 12.
Joe Bugner defeated Pat Duncan, 10.
Boone Kirkman halted Larry Renaud, 3.
Chuck Wepner stopped Randy Neuman, 7.
Henry Clark kayoed Jeff Merritt, 1.
Larry Middleton drew with Jimmy Ellis, 10.
Greg Osowiechi stopped Chico Santos, 5.
Duane Bobick halted Ted Gullick, 2, Jimmy Cross, 3.
Rodney Bobick beat Larry Bielfuss, 10.
Howard Smith kayoed Tony Doyle, 6.
Jose Luis Garcia decisioned Bob Mashburn, 10.
Tony Ventura kayoed Tommy Kost, 1.
Mike Schutte halted Paul Simonetti, 3.
Charlie James stopped Terry Hinki, 5, beat Ron Stander, 10.
Morris Jackson drew with Ron Stander, 10.
Leroy Jones kayoed Lou Rogan, 3.
Jimmy Young beat John Jordan, 6.
John Berry defeated John L. Johnson, 6.
Obie English stopped Harold Carter, 3.
Bill Carson drew with Jerry Houston, 8.
Charles Atlas beat Tom Berry, 6.
Russell Cross kayoed Claude McBride, 1.
Miguel Paez beat Roberto Davila, 12, South American heavyweight title.
Roberto Davila halted Benedicto Da Silva, 8.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

John Conteh beat Les Stevens, 10, halted Tom Bogs, 6, E.B.U. light heavyweight title.
Victor Galindez stopped Ray Anderson, 2.
Pierre Fourie beat Mike Quarry, 10.
Maxie Smith decisioned Pat McCann, 8.
Jorge Ahumada won from Terry Lee, 10.
Alvaro Lopez beat Willie Warren, 10.
Bobby Rascon defeated Al Bolden, 10.
James Scott halted Baby Boy Rolle, 8.
Marcel Clay beat Angel Estevez, 10.
Guillermo Escalera stopped Gene Wells, 5.
Armando Valente kayoed D.C. Barker, 2, Earl Miller, 1.
Tony Green beat Bob Freeze, 8.
Jim Adams kayoed Bill Hardney, 1.
Ray Elson decisioned Tommy Hicks, 10.
Smokey Middleton beat John Giroski, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Bennie Briscoe kayoed Tony Mundine, 5.
Rodrigo Valdez stopped Ernie Burns, 2.
Jean-Claude Bouttier halted Elio Calcabrini, 12, E.B.U. Middleweight Title.
Vito Antuofermo outpointed John L. Sullivan, 10.
Rudy Robles stopped Al Stankie, 8.
Gratier Tonna halted Dave Wyatt, 1.
Leo Saenz kayoed Willie Williams, 2, beat Dave Dittmar, 8.
Larry Giello stopped Spider Jackson, 2.
James Redford defeated Bruce Cantrell, 8.
Jacques Kechichiam beat Ricky Ortiz, 10.
Rudy Cruz defeated Roger Buckskin, 10.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Hedgemon Lewis beat Jose Miranda, 10.
Roger Menetery defeated Billy Backus, 10.
Eddie Perkins outpointed Armando Muniz, 10.
Fausto Rodriguez kayoed J.T. Dowe, 9.
Elisha Obed stopped Eddie Davis, 5.
Billy Lloyd halted Zovek Barajas, 2.
Felipe Vaca beat Ruben Vasquez, 12.
Sandy Torres stopped Al Moss, 2.
Ray Seales kayoed Beto Gonzalez, 3, Jose Espinoza, 4.
Rudy Barro halted Quincy Daniels, 9.
C.J. Faison beat Juan Rueda, 8.
Rosario Zavala kayoed Brad Silas, 3.
Jean LeClair beat Pat Murphy, 10, Gerald Bouchard, 8.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT

Antonio Cervantes kayoed Chang-Kil Lee, 6, retained World junior welterweight title.
Roger Zami beat Doc McClenden, 10, stopped Tony Garcia, 8.
Monroe Brooks defeated Ruben Vasquez, 10.
Ricky Simaratana beat Ra Sears, 8.
Joe Grier kayoed Eddy Piton, 2.
Mike Everett beat Tim Walker, 10.
Victor Checo defeated Avon Little, 4.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Roberto Duran kayoed Esteban DeJesus, 11, retained World Lightweight Title.
Ray Lampkin beat Nick Alfaro, 10.
Jim Watts halted Andries Steyn, 7.
Antonio Maya outpointed Ould Makloufi, 10.
Ray Lunny drew with Miguel Mayan, 10.
Antonio Puddu katoed Dan Fryman, 3.
Angel Mayorel decisioned Carmelo de la Cruz, 10.
Edwin Viruet defeated Vilomar Fernandez, 10.
Larry Bonds kayoed Gildo Federico, 5.
Randy Shields beat Armando Cirdova, 6.
Tony Styles beat Jerry Powers, 4.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ben Villaflore drew with Apollo Yoshio, 15, retained World junior lightweight title.
Kuniaki Shibata beat Ricardo Arredondo, 15, to win W.B.A. junior lightweight title.
Alfredo Escalera kayoed Sigfredo Rodriguez, 1.
Sammy Goss defeated Clemente Mucino, 10.
Alfredo Marcano drew with Vicente Blanco, 10.
Jesus Alonos lost to Jose Prada, 10.
Jose Fernandez outpointed Walter Seeley, 10.
Frankie Otero kayoed Paul Colette, 1.
Freddy Majors drew with Eladio Leal, 8, twice.
Dom Monaco beat Pedro Guzman, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Ruben Olivares beat Art Hafey, 10.
Bobby Chacon kayoed Genzo Kurozawa, 5.
Sven-Erik Paulsen halted Antonio Gitano Jimimez, 8.
Jean-Baptiste Piedvache defeated Felix Brami, 12.
Oscar Mendez won from Pascal Zito, 8.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Arnold Taylor beat Paul Ferreri, 10, non-title.
Saul Montano decisioned Venice Borkorsor, 10.
Johnny Clark kayoed Chuck Spencer, 7.
Benny Rodriguez defeated Jose Sanchez, 10.
Andres Hernandez stopped Erasmo Flores, 4.
Nestor Jiminez beat Miguel Espinoza, 12.
Dave Needham won from Bashew Sibaca, dis. 2.
Jimmy Martinez decisioned Jose de la Rocha, 10.
Mel Johnson defeated Erasmo Flores, 12.
Joe Guevara kayoed Juan Hernandez, 2, Edgar Cabalhin, 5.
Sal Aguilar halted Bobby Diamond, 1.

FLYWEIGHTS

Miguel Canto kayoed Tony Moreno, 5.
Jim West defeated Henry Nissen via KO 4.
Fritz Chervet stopped Christian Martin, 5.
Lupe Hernandez kayoed Catalino Flores, 5.
Johnny McCluskey lost to Patrick Mambwe, 10.
Martin Buchanan Garcia halted Enrique Torres, 2.

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CARTAGENA FANS SEE IDOL ● CERVANTES PUNISH KOREAN ●

By LUIS A. GONZALEZ V. (LAGOVEN)

Cartagena, Colombia — Delirious Cartagena fans watched, for the first time, their idol, Antonio Cervantes defend the world junior welter title. A left hook to the liver and a jab to the face of South Korean Chang Kill Lee terminated his aspirations in the 6th round. A second after, perhaps this finale would not have taken place because the gong was about to ring. The timekeeper already had raised his right hand to announce the termination of this assault.

More rapid was the right jab that fell as a ray on the face of the Korean, who later stretched out on the canvas. The counting of the referee began without the bell being heard, that of course could not help Chang Kil Lee, according to the regulations. The challenger fell over and could not sit up to watch the referee's movement of his finger that dramatically counted off the 10 seconds. That was all.

Referee Isidro Rodriguez, Venezuelan; Judges: Horacio Castillo and Lilo Guerrero, Colombians. Weight — Kid Pambele, 139 4%5 and Chang Kil Lee, 139 1%10.

The unconquered Colombian Alfonso Perez, 128 1%3, defeated the veteran South Korean, Hyun Kim, 127 1%5 by a technical knockout in the third round. A strong series of strokes, combined with right and left jabs, connected with the face of Kim, and later knocked him down to the canvas in the third round.

Nestor "Baba" Jiminez, Colombian champion defeated the Venezuelan, Henry Castillo, by the judges' decision in 10 rounds. Jimenez weighed 120 1%3 and Castillo 119.

Miguel Betruz, 131 2%5, and Carlos Folders, 129 1%5, held an unruly match. The Colombian Bertruz was the winner by the judges' decision in 10 rounds.

The referee, Alfredo Olivares, was unable to apply the boxing rules and the public furiously shouted at him when he determined a drawn fight between Bonifacio Avila, 153 3%5 and Felipe Carioco, 150 4%5 of Venezuela. The Colombian, Avila, opened a wide cut in Carioco's right brow during the 3rd round.

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BATTALINO IS 65 BUT STILL TOUGH

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just one week before "Bat" was to be married to his wife, Lillian.

"Bat" dove into this dangerous river, missing boulders and concrete by mere fractions of an inch to bring this youngster back to safety. The award was presented at a ceremony at City Hall, followed by a large banquet in his honor.

Then he pointed out the last of the solid gold championship belts he received when he defended his title in Madison Square Garden in 1930–his N B A belt. He defended against Freddie Miller of Cincinnati, Ohio.

He bought Miller's contract for $3500.00 from Pete Reiley and lost his shirt. "Bat" was somewhat of an investor and paid Pete Reiley for handling Freddie Miller. Well, as it was told to me, "Bat" didn't have time to handle the money and as things go, wound up with just $150.00 of his initial $3500.00 investment.

"Bat" tells of the night in February, 1927, in the Boston Garden, when he won the National AAU Championship. He had to knock out four other state champions in the same night–a feat never before equalled. "Bat" lost but 21 fights out of a total of 160 encounters.

Of the five title defenses before he had to relinquish the title because he couldn't make the weight any more, he beat the famous "Kid" Chocolate in 15 rounds in a Madison Square Garden encounter. He KO'd Fernandez; he decisioned Fidel LaBarba in 15; he decisioned Freddie Miller in 15, then he did the same to Earl Masto in Chicago.

His ring belts on display in his cherished trophy room also include a championship belt given to "Bat" by the famous Bill Savitt, a Hartford jeweler of world fame who just recently awarded a belt to the New England welterweight champion, Larry Butler.

Can you visualize a picture of "Bat" Battalino, featherweight champ, standing alongside his late friend, former heavy champ Primo Carnera, the biggest of them all? Well, this priceless portrait hangs in "Bat's" gallery along with the one of the three featherweight champions that Al Couture, president of Ring 49, and this writer, then vice-president, presented to him a few years back when we honored him on his birthday.

Other pictures were from many great men he fought–Barney Ross, Leo Rodack who taught me to fight as a fellow Marine, the famous Buz Saw from Meriden, Connecticut and friend, the late Lewis "Kid" Kaplan, Freddie Miller, and a host of others.

One of the classic films "Bat" possesses and shows on request is his fight with Al Singer who had just lost his lightweight title to Tony Canzoneri.

"Bat" KO'd Al in two rounds in a fashion that reminds onlookers of the way the late Rocky Marciano disposed of his opponents, a slam bang affair that had the fight fans howling with joy.

But this was a typical Battalino fight, slam bang, knock down and drag out affair, and never can it be told or suggested that "Bat" Battalino didn't give his all in or out of the ring, a trait he still possesses even today in the twilight of his illustrious career.

Ex-champion Christopher "Bat" Battalino and his wife Lillian now are living out their years together as they have all the years of their married life which has now reached 44. "Bat" and Mrs. Battalino have two daughters and five grandchildren; daughter Marie is the oldest at 41 and then comes 37-year old Leah.

"Bat" is also proud of Mrs. Battalino's oriental Persian rug located in his dining room. It cost him $15,000. and as "Bat" puts it, "Hell, I'd have lost or spent it some other way, anyway."

"Bat" went through thousands of free loaders during his early lifetime and can prove it by producing a book of names and IOU's dating back to 1932. When "Bat" totals the "short"-term loans (?), he arrives at a staggering $23,600. still unpaid. Says "Bat", "Let that be a lesson to the lenders."

Still he tells of another incident in his fighting days when money was as plentiful as water to him. He dabbled in the stock market and made a wise purchase of $65,000.00 worth of Travelers stock.

At the time World War II broke out, he lent some stock to a friend and before the friend could return it, he became sick and died, still holding "Bat's" equities.

"Bat" is not a rich man but he's not a poor man by any means. He has a mortgage-free, well-kept house in West Hartford and not a worry in the world.

KIRKMAN STOPS RENAUD IN THIRD ROUND AT RENO

By MIKE MARLEY

Reno, Nev. — Heavyweight Boone Kirkman gave Reno fans a brief display of the skills that have given him a 32-2 pro record.

Kirkman, 209, made short work of Larry Renaud, 194, Tampa, Fla.

Kirkman, whose only defeats have come at the hands of champ George Foreman and Doug Jones (he beat Jones in a rematch), disposed of the not very hostile Floridian in three rounds.

Referee Mills Lane stopped the mismatch with 1:19 gone in the round.

Sugar Ray Seales, Olympic champion, Tacoma, Wash., 21-year-old who is very popular in northern Nevada, made his third appearance in the area another victorious one.

Seales, 150, knocked out Beto Gonzalez of Mexico, 149, in three rounds. Seales ran his record to 17-0 in what had been slated for ten rounds.

Alvaro "Indian Yaqui" Lopez, 171, Stockton, the son-in-law of promoter Jack Cruz, ran his record to 18-2 by squeezing out a unanimous points win over Willie Warren, 167, Corpus Christi, Tex., after 10 rounds.

The 6-2 Lopez had trouble throughout against the 5-7 fireplug from Texas but a second round knockdown and continual jabbing provided the win.

Dale Grant, 164, Tacoma, the half-brother of Seales', peppered Los Angeles' Chuck Zellers, 164, from start to finish of a shortened scrap.

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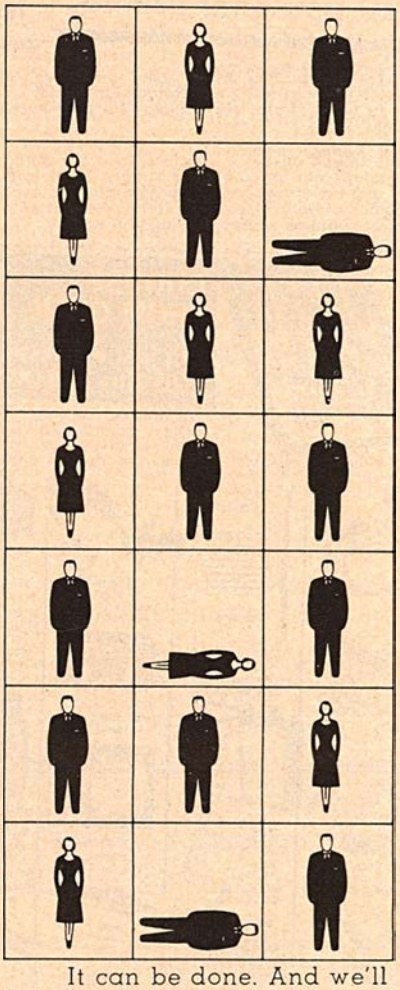

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MORENO BROTHERS FIND MEXICO IS VENTURESOME

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Most observers feel that it Tony had Johnny's physical assets and overall ability, he'd eventually be the world champion.

."Tony's the hardest worker I've ever seen," said Rodriguez, as Johnny smiled in agreement. "I have to chase Tony out of the gym. . .he often over-works.

"I haven't had that problem with Johnny yet," he continued. "He works, but not near as hard as Tony."

Tony, a former high school football player, still is active in city softball leagues. And he enjoys bowling.

Johnny prefers taking his wife dancing but Tony has gotten him interested in bowling.

They often go rabbit hunting together. And they spar several times a week with each other.

"Tony has a punch. . .he's put me down many times," chuckled Johnny.

Veteran ring observes believe both Moreno brothers will be among the world's best in years to come. Tony is already in the Top Ten. Johnny, who needs more experience and a little more aggressiveness—"he's almost lost a few because he doesn't have that good killer instinct," said Rodriguez.

But for the time being, their fight plan calls for mucho patience. "We'll have to take what we can—if we have to go back to Culiacan to get a good fight, I guess we'll go," explained Rodriguez. "Eventually, we'll get a good break and we want to be ready for it."

There was a long silence in his office. Rodriguez smiled, staring out his window. Tony and Johnny sat nearby, staring at the floor, probably dreaming of future trips and fights.

"Damn, it's great to be home," Rodriguez finally laughed.

But Tony and Johnny Moreno realize they won't reach the top of their divisions at home. They must work harder and continue visiting those strange 'back yards' until they gain the ranking and recognition that will allow them to choose the time and place and opponent to fight.

They realize their position. They plan to conquer these problems.

"You know," said Tony, "sometimes I think it's easier being a complete nobody and no good. Those guys never have to worry about getting an opponent, or getting shot in a foreign country."

"Yeah," inserted Johnny, "but those guys never have a chance to see a foreign country. And they'll never have a chance to make it big."

Johnny and Tony both realize their potential and within the next year they hope to be fighting "in our back yard."

FADED BONAVENA BEATEN ● BY LYLE IN 27TH. VICTORY ●

By MIKE HAYES

Denver, Col. — Heavyweight Ron Lyle had just completed his most important win of his 35-month pro career and was cooling off with a water bottle at the post-fight press conference with Oscar Bonavena whom he had whipped decisively.

"You no chicken," Bonavena said quietly as he turned to Lyle, obviously referring to the day of the press conference when he pulled a rubber chicken from a bag and told Lyle he was a chicken. "You no little boy. I couldn't believe how strong and tough you are."

The two Top 10 contenders had just undergone a 12-round bout that saw Lyle score his 27th victory against a single setback and one draw via the unanimous decision route.

Referee Joe Ullmer scored the bout 52-46 for Lyle, while judges Danny Loos and Ray Keech had it 55-51 and 56-55, respectively, in Lyle's favor.

The largest crowd in Colorado history—10,355—was treated to a 12-round slugfest and both fighters took turns controlling the momentum of the fight. Lyle captured the judges attention in the middle rounds and at the end, while Bonavena lost points because of his clinching tactics.

For Lyle, it was his ninth straight victory since losing a 12-round decision to Jerry Quarry February 9, 1973.

Bonavena, one of few heavyweights to have fought four world champions, saw his record drop to 50-9-1.

Bonavena won two of the first three rounds as Lyle was content to feel out his opponent. However, the Denver heavyweight came on strong in the next four rounds and soon began to control the bout.

Twice Lyle stunned Bonavena in the fifth, driving him against the ropes with a right with one minute to go after hitting him earlier in the round with a combination to the head.

Bonavena appeared to tire and his eyes grew puffy around the edges. At one point his left eye was nearly swollen shut.

Thirty seconds into the sixth round Lyle set Bonavena up with a right to the head followed by a quick left hook. Another left-right combination sent Bonavena's mouthpiece flying across the ring. Lyle effectively used his right in both the fifth and sixth rounds.

Bonavena used his dangerous left hook in the seventh and eighth frames, but Lyle came on strong in the eighth with some good flurries.

A left hook sent Bonavena reeling against the ropes in the 10th round, but Lyle was penalized one point moments later when an accidental low blow forced Bonavena to his knees. A one-minute rest was ordered by referee Ullmer. Bonavena's brother, Joe, threw a towel in protest at Ullmer and went into the ring after the referee. Calm was restored as the round ended.

Bonavena tried to charge Lyle hard in the 11th and 12th rounds, but the local boxer connected with various solid punches and won both rounds.

In other action, Olympic gold medal winner Sugar Ray Seales suffered a cut eye in the opening round, but came on strong to record a four-round knockout over Denver welterweight Joe Espinoza at the 2:42 mark. Seales now has an 18-0 record, with 10 KO's. Espinoza is 14-5.

Denver junior welterweight Larry Bonds, the former two-time National Golden Gloves Champion, racked up his seventh straigh pro win with a fifth-round TKO victory (2:11) over Gildo Federico of Mexico. Bonds won every round and quickly had his opponent befuddled.

Former National GG and National AAU light heavyweight titlist D.C. Barker of Denver lost his first fight in four outings when Armando Valente of Tucson swarmed over him from the opening bell and won a second-round knockout at 1:55. Valente is now unbeaten in eight fights.

Denver heavyweight Leroy Jones kept his unbeaten streak intact with a third-round TKO win over Lou Rogan of Springfield, Ohio. Jones is 5-0 with four KO's, while Rogan is now 7-3. The end came at 1:26.

A Colorado record gate of $108,817.50 was collected by the Denver Boxing Club.

VILLAFLOR RETAINS TITLE ● YOSHIO SPLENDID RUNNER ●

By HIDEO YAMANAKA

Tokyo, Japan — Ben Villaflor, world junior lightweight champion, retained his title in a 15 round fight with Apollo Yoshio, not a very formidable contender.

Yoshio did not qualify for the match and he did not qualify on what he showed. Nor was Villaflor a bargain, either.

Referee Soichi Kato saw the athletic contest as a 73-73 draw.

Judge Hideo Oka Ikoma scored it 74 to 73 for Apollo, thus rewarding his running rather than his fistic ability.

Judge Achiro Aki squeezed out a 74-73 edge for Villaflor.

The gloomy affair of 45 minutes was not marked by any knockdown.

Villaflor came in at 127¼ pounds. He had been forced to reduce drastically in the last 48 hours and blamed this for his mediocre showing.

He will have to do a lot better when he meets a puncher rather than a runner.

Larry Ichinose, the Filipino's manager, was amazed at the scoring, especially that of the judge who saw Apollo outscore Villaflor. Larry said he saw Villaflor in front by at least five points.

The fans were surprised, too. They favored the import to win early by a KO. But the weakened Villaflor did not have it.

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DUANE, ROD BOBICK GOPHER STANDOUTS

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as a middleweight in May of 1970, and has since grown into a heavyweight. Van Hoof has thus far posted a good 13-2-0 record, scoring 6 kayoes.

Van Hoof had a long amateur career, and in 1969 lost out ithe semi-finals of the National Golden Gloves to Dave Matthews, and then lost to Matthews in the finals of the A.A.U. tournament.

Since turning to the pro ranks, Van Hoof has scored wins over Joe Batton, Billy Marsh, Marc Hans, Johnny Townsend, and Paul Nicholas, and others, while losing to Bill James and Johnny Townsend.

Toms boxing career has been delayed on a couple of occasions due to fractures of the jaw, but he claims now that the jaw is stronger than ever. He would like to meet either of the Bobicks. Van Hoof received the prospect of the month in the December 1973 issue.

Mike Morgan is the best boxer of the foursome as he falls in the catagory of a Del Flanagan or Pat O'Connor. Morgan was a prospect of the month in the November 1973 Ring.

As an amateur, Morgan won two Upper Midwest titles, while having 120 bouts. He competed for the Milwaukee Bombers of the International Boxing League in 1970 before deciding to enter the fight for pay ranks, which he did on October 2, 1970.

Thus far Morgan has put together a good 14-1-2 record and should start to make his move over the next year.

Morgan has defeated Rudy Rodriguez twice, Chuck Hernandez twice, Frank Jimenez twice, Jesse Green, Lou Grant, Frank Formaro, Billy Goodwin, and others.

There have been two draws, one with Frank Jimenez, the other with Billy Goodwin. Morgan's only loss came on a decision to Frank Formaro which he has since avenged.

Periods of inactivity have hurt Morgan, but if he continues to remain busy as he has recently, the slick boxing Morgan stands a very good chance of moving up the ladder.

Since the end of World War Two, Minnesota has had 33 Ring prospects of the month, and only two, Del Flanagan and Pat O'Connor, ever made it to a top ten rating by The Ring Magazine.

So it would seem that the chances of either of the Bobicks, Van Hoof, or Morgan to make the rankings are slim, but in this day and age of $2,500,000. purses to boxers anything would seem to be possible. Who knows? Maybe one of the four will wind up as world champion.

CHIPPY HERNANDEZ NOT ● IN SHAPE, TOY FOR WHITE ●

By TOM EPHREM

Orlando, Fla. — Buckling down to business and concentrating his shots to the body brought Walter "Snake" White what he had been looking for in the earlier rounds, a knockout. Falling before the Ring Magazine's American ranking light-heavyweights was Cipriano (Chippy) Hernandez, of San Diego.

Hernandez may have gone out much sooner if Manager Lou Viscusi's boxer had felt the urge but instead White toyed around with Hernandez, who showed lack of conditioning. It wasn't a good match for the fans of this city. Their support of Promoter Pete Ashlock and matchmaker Malcolm Tait cards have been noteworthy.

Am sure Pete and Malcolm will reciprocate with an outstanding card next time. The remainder of the program was short and anything but sweet. Hector McBride was to have met Freddie Majors in a lightweight match but Majors, it is said, was unable to get his visa cleared to enter America from Nassau. So Hector didn't get to fight.

Then Al Moss, of Nassau, quit in his bout with John Pinney in the second round, giving Pinney his 20th win. Moss contended Pinney was hitting after the break. Pinney disagreed, saying the referee hadn't ordered "break." Pinney has two draws to go along with his 20 wins and remains undefeated.

He fought in much better shape. His punches were reaching Moss. The winner is another Lou Viscusi fighter. Yet Viscusi had a third going to the post and like White and Pinney, he emerged victorious. Glenn Morgan, a tall middleweight with a sock in either hand, made it ten-in-a-row.

The Minneapolis-Tampa Kirk Douglas look-alike accepted a few head punches, then fired his on Lonnie Robbins, of Altamonte Springs for a knockout in the second round. Morgan is definitely a Ring Magazine prospect. In amateur bouts, Wade Simmons, of Plant City upset Jeff Muth, of Orlando, while Johnny Weyand, of Plant City decisioned James Salerno, of Orlando.

In the main attraction, White used a short, left hook to the midsection to knock Hernandez down and out in the eighth round. Walter had subbed for stablemate Tony Licata, who had the flu. (This card in Orlando.)

▲Tampa, Fla. — Promoter Marcello Echevarria and his matchmaker Ray Delgado gave Tampa fans two of the best all-round professional boxing cards seen anytime but there's where it stopped. They didn't make money but the fights were excellent. Here, until further notice, Echevarria and Delgado will concentrate on amateur boxing and will be helped by Chris Zaharias, the veteran boxing-wrestling figure from Denver but whose home now is here in Tampa. . .Pro boxing will not die out. Roger McKinney is seeing to it. McKinney, whose son Mike ("Irish Mike") McKinney is a Lou Viscusi fighter, believes Tampa can support the sport and has taken out a promoter's license. Your correspondent can see McKinney giving Tampans a terrific main event.

Walter "Snake" White, a local star, and Bobby Lloyd, the rising light-heavyweight under Manager Pat Curry and Trainer Mac Goodman. It will be their third clash. Lloyd is from Miami and Fort Lauderdale and in his few fights has them all sitting up and taking notice. . .Hector McBride's decision to return to the ring should brighten boxing cards in home town Tampa and Orlando, where he established himself recently with a classical performance that brought smiles to the faces of Manager Lou Viscusi and Trainer Bill Gore.

Making a fine bid for Ring Magazine honors is a new middleweight under the Viscusi-Gore aegis, a young man from Minneapolis and his name should be heralded providing he keeps up his very good work. Look and listen for Glenn Morgan, undefeated, untied, and a 10 win record.

"Irish Mike" Quarry, light-heavyweight under Pete Ashlock in Orlando does most of his training in Tampa and with Tony Licata. Quarry rang up three straight wins recently and made a big hit in Johannesburg against Pierre Fourie, the South African who made two good stands against Light-heavyweight Champion Bob Foster. Quarry dropped the decision to Fourie but also dropped Fourie for a count in the second round and opened a cut over Pierre's eye. Manager Ashlock was not at all pleased with the decision to the South African.

▲Tampa — Felix Zabala informs on his talented Hector Medina, whose new home of Tampa is justly proud of the newcomer. Medina kept his winning ways alive by securing his 14th pro win, all in a row. In his last bout, in San Juan, the new Tampan won the Puerto Rican lightweight title. Manager Zabala has other fine talent and more on them in our next Ring issue.

▲Jacksonville, Fla. — Larry Peterson, the youthful Jacksonville lightweight prospect will try for success in Boston, while his brother-in-law Dennis Riggs, a middleweight will appear on a ring card nearby shortly. . .Among the many historical boxing items in The Ring Museum, one of the most unique will be a ringside seat ticket to the Jess Willard-Jack Johnson heavyweight fight that was to have taken place in Juarez, Mexico. That's the stamping on the ticket. Another item your correspondent will send Nat Loubet for The Ring Museum is a photograph showing Jack Johnson and Jess Willard at the Oriental Race Track in Havana, Cuba.

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OLD BROADWAY

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their fourth skirmish.

The highlight of Tami's career was his fight against champion Joe Louis in Yankee Stadium. Tami came out with a rush and his first punch sent Louis into the ropes. . . .That was all. . .The "Bomber" then started his own two-fisted assault and Mauriello's hope for a miracle vanished. . . .Yes, those were the days. Mauriello and Steve Belloise, two standouts as ringmen.

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Up at Jack Dempsey's one afternoon a couple of boxing's old-timers ran into each other for the first time in quite a while. And did they talk fights. . .They started talking about the old timers. . . Frankie Genaro, brilliant flyweight . . .Ludwig Lightboum, a lightweight. . . Billy Arnold, a welter. . .Frankie 'Kid' Anselm, feather great from the British Honduras, whose last fight was with Kid Chocolate in New Orleans, losing a ten.

We're talking about Allie Clark and Harry Stickevers, both managers in the fight game a long while. . .Allie is the veteran of the pair, having hit eighty last Oct. 23. . . Clark, a former detective, was associated with our pal, Jimmy Ambrose, who was a standout as matchmaker in the Armory days and a great little fighter himself, coming from the West Side. . . When the talk came around to Billy Arnold, that's still a sore spot with Clark, for Billy had Rocky Graziano on Queer Street in their Garden fight when the Rock turned it around with a terrific onslaught that cut the Philadelphian down.

As for Stickevers, he had some other good ones in his time. . .He booked Bob Foster, current light heavyweight boss, for his first fifteen bouts. Also, Paddy DeMarco, lightweight champion, after Jimmy Dixon, his grand little manager, had passed away. . .Later Harry came up with Joe Miceli, as tough a welter as one could ask to see, and Paddy Young, who had a chance to win the middleweight crown when he clashed with Bobo Olson in the 8th Avenue Garden. . . Harry still talks about Foster and what a prospect he was.

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Harry Goldberg, a good hard-punching lightweight from little old New York, who still looks like he could step in and go a few heats, though he was 62 on Oct. 2 last, still hobnobs with the boxing gang who hang out at Jack Dempsey's spot in the Brill Building. . .Harry, one of the best known bar men, had quite a long spell working on ships that sailed around the world and now is still busy handling his assignments around Gotham. . .His manager was Jack Barrett.

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Baseball, which always was close to "Yours Truly," aside from out more than 65 years looking after the give-and-take sport, lost a wonderful man in the passing of Larry Doyle, who was a brilliant second baseman for the New York Giants when John McGraw was their manager. . . We remember having Larry on our WHN Hour of Champions show when Larry came down from Saranac Lake, where he went to live due to a bout with tuberculosis. . . .Known as "Laughing Larry", a fight buff as well, the little Irishman will always be remembered for a quote: "It's great to be young and a Giant." Doyle was the N.L. batting champ of the season.

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Our pal from his boxing days, Al 'Rube' Goldberg, who is now living down in Miami Beach with a lot of his pals from the fistic world, drops a line to say hello to all his friends and to send regards from Moe Fleischer, now associated with Chris Dundee, and the rest of the clan. . . Goldberg was a pretty good padded mitt artist in his day and is now a member of Bobby Burns' Ring #31 down Miami Beach way.

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Ye Old Timer Bucky Jones, about whom we wrote recently, told us that it was Sid Silas and not Sid Terris who was one of his opponents when the Jerseyman was active. . .Just for the records, we note the correction.

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Time waits for no man,. We note the passing of an old friend of ours and the Ring, 84-year-old Arthur B. McGinley, former sports editor of the Hartford Times and well known to all in fistic circles. . .McGinley was a great talker and an accurate writer.

CANADIAN CORRESPONDENT SEES OLIVARES' VERDICT OVER HAFEY IN CALIF. "GIFT"

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Inglewood, Calif. — Former world bantamweight champion Ruben Olivares (Mexico) 126, was the recipient of a gift split decision after his twelve round return fight with Canadian Art Hafey (Stellarton, N.S.) 125.

Throughout the fight, witnessed by 12,000 fans at the Forum it was Hafey who did all the fighting. Olivares' plan was to jab and move well out of distance to avoid the power-packed body punches of Hafey who had previously KO'ed the Mexican back in Sept. 1973.

In the sixth round, Hafey shook his opponent with a hard right to the body and in the tenth round Olivares was forced to take the eight count after a hard right to the head. Another right hand punch had him hanging on at the bell.

At the conclusion of the fight, referee Dick Young called it 7-5 in favor of Olivares, judge Eddie Fierro scored in favor of Hafey. Judge Richard Steele who must be in dire need of an expert optician turned in an unbelievable scorecard of 10-2 in favor of Olivares.

The U.P.I. had it tabbed 7-5 in favor of Hafey. The disputed decision handed down to Hafey will most likely cost him a title shot for the vacant world featherweight title.

▲**Montreal, Can.** — Eighteen-year-old Jean Claude Leclair (Montreal) 151, pushed his record to 12-0 when he pounded out a unanimous eight round decision over Irish Pat Murphy (New York) 152. There were no knockdowns in the fight which saw Murphy on the receiving end throughout the fight.

Murphy never lived up to the pre-fight reports which stated that he had been training for three weeks in Bobby Gleason's Gym in New York and had completed his training by sparring sixteen rounds in Montreal.

At the completion of the opening round it was Leclair all the way. Scoring on the five point 'must' system the three officials had it 38-33, 38-35 and 39-34 for the Montreal boxer. After the fight Murphy stated to the Press that he had no excuses. "Leclair just out-fought me." He further stated that he was not in top condition saying that his weight is 147 but he came in for this bout at 152.

For his eight round drubbing it was reported that Murphy picked up $2,000 for his end, Leclair who wanted to be in with a 'known' fighter took the small end $1,000.

In the semi-final over eight rounds, hog-fat Joey Durelle (Montreal) 165 had to plod through till the final bell to gain a very unpopular decision over Paul Osborne (Lowell, Mass.) Osborne left the ring with an ovation from the Montreal fans. Over six rounds Jose Martinez (Montreal) 135 knocked out Gaetan Hart (Hull) in the fourth round to make his pro debut a winning one.

Martinez had an amateur career of 72 bouts and represented Canada in the Olympics. In a pair of sixes, Paul Tope (Quebec) 135 won a split decision over Jim Henry (Montreal) and Angelo Miletti (Montreal) 150 ran his record to 14-1-1 when he was awarded a TKO over Fred Lagace who failed to answer the bell for the third round.

▲**Toronto** — Morris Bowmile, a bantamweight fighter who had a big Jewish following here back in the thirties, died here recently.

▲**Toronto** — Former world junior welterweight champion Jack 'Kid' Berg will stop off here for a few days to visit old friends before proceeding to New York. Berg in his heyday known as the 'Whitechapel Whirlwind' fought only once here in Toronto that was back in 1930 when 6,000 fans turned out at the Coliseum to witness Berg gain a unanimous ten round decision over the Canadian lightweight champion, Jackie Phillips of Toronto.

Berg went on to a 21-year career in the ring and has a recorded list of 197 pro fights. He fought the world's best in the light and welterweight divisions, his thrilling fights with Billy Petrolle, Tony Canzoneri, Kid Chocolate, Mushy Callahan, Sammy Fuller and Stanislaus Loayza to name a few were all 'barn-burners.'

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AGOSTO'S SPIRIT LED TO WINNING OF P.R. TITLE

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me with strong wallop before I have chance to getting started. Anyway, I beg and beg for return bout, not get it."

The quick traumatic loss to Ward failed to discourage Agosto. Some two months later he took on big Bob Felstein and trounced him in eight. On December 19, 1969, Pedro fearlessly tangled with Chuck Wepner who stands 6-3 and weighs 223 pounds–a powerful and vicious fighter. Pedro fought gamely but lost a ten-round decision.

By this time Daly had sold Agosto to Cain Young, who'd managed light heavyweight title holder Jose Torres and lightweight champ Ismael Laguna. A bit later four Wall Street men, interested in boxing, formed what they called "The GJS Corporation"–something on the style of the Cloverlay for Joe Frazier–with the then topnotch boxing manager Mannie Gonzalez advisor and manager of record. The deal hurriedly petered out. After Agosto spent the year 1970 in the U.S. Army, he returned to ring action, on January 22, 1971, scoring a 10-round victory over Lou Hicks. "I train hard for this fight, said the stocky Puerto Rican. "Do early morning roadwork... careful what I eat... go to bed proper time. In gym I train good... directed by Lee Black, who now is my manager. "I skip rope... hit speed-bag... punch heavy bag... spar with good boxers... put myself in fine shape."

On April 5, that year, Pedro fought the late Jim Elder–a huge man–ten exciting rounds, losing the decision–but not his fighting spirit.

For a time Pedro worked driving a truck, delivering furs. "I have car by this time, and my wife drive me to and from work–made me feel great, like a boss, not just a plain worker."

For the past four years he has worked as a cop on the police force in the town of Oradell, New Jersey, where he owns a fine home and lives with his wife and two children. He attends church every Sunday, is a devoted husband and loving father.

When Lee Black asked him if he was willing to fight former two-time world heavyweight champ Floyd Patterson, Pedro replied, "Sure, I fight him. I fight anybody. Just tell me when. I be ready."

And so, on July 14, 1972, Agosto faced Floyd in New York's Singer Bowl–an outdoor arena. Pedro fought the ex-champ as he fought any other opponent... moving in and throwing punches... taking what he couldn't avoid, coming back and trying for a knockout. Floyd's snappy left kept poking at Pedro's face, landed rights to the head but the Puerto Rican never backed away or stopped fighting.

Then, in the sixth round, because a nasty cut had been inflicted on his left eye and was gushing blood, the referee halted the contest. "I ask referee to please let fight go on," explained Agosto. "Because I not was hurt, not staggered or knock down. I was strong and want to keep fighting. Maybe lose but go the limit with Patterson."

On December 12, that year–in Port-au-Prince, Jose stiffened Serge Rodriguez in five rounds. He also defeated Charley Polite in ten, then stopped Henry Lawson in four. Then, on Dec. 17, 1973, came his rewinning of the heavyweight championship of Puerto Rico.

Agosto greatly admired the late undefeated world heavyweight champ Rocky Marciano. He tried to pattern his own style ofter the Rock's. "He been my inspiration," Pedro muttered in sad tones. "When he die in plane crash I cry like baby. Always I say prayer for him."

Now for a humorous note: "Here is funny thing," added the boxer, putting on a smile: "My mother, she hate fighting. My wife, she not like it. But me, who has to take the punches, loves it."

LOCHE'S FISTIC PROMOTION RUNS AFOUL OF RAIN

By SIMON BRONENBERG and ALFREDO PORZIO

Buenos Aires, Argentina — Nicolino Loche, a former world champion, appeared as a promoter in Mendoza and had the ill luck to get rained out. Recent results follow:

▲**Cordoba** — In the lightweight class Argentine champion Hugo Gutierrez kayoed Luis Munoz (from Chile) in second round. In Welter, Manuel Casas stopped Oscar Mercado in five.

▲**Mendoza** — In a Nicolino Loche promotion, lightweight Pedro L. Aguero and Jorge Gomez, no decision in 2. Suspended fight because of rain.

▲Manuel Gonzalez whipped Hugo Ibarra in 8 rounds. (Welters.)

▲**Tucuman** — Middleweights Catalino Sosa and Eliseo Nieva drew in 10.

▲**Balcarce** — In junior welter class, Alberto Pili kayoed Jose A. Acosta in 3.

▲**General Roca** — In the middle division Gregorio Martinez kayoed Adolfo Montero in five. **Feathers:** "Kike" Valdez stopped Hector Chavez in one.

▲**Lago Epecuen** — Argentine feather champion Oscar "Cachin" Mendez outpointed Mario Acosta. (Non title bout).

▲**Mendoza** — Lightweight Jorge Gomez beat Pedro Aguero by points in 10.

▲**Santiago del Estero** — In the light class, Juan Domingo Corradi kayoed Fernando Ocampo in eighth round.

▲**General Roca** — Good prospect in the light heavy class Raul Loyola and Roberto Aguilar drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Rauch** — In the welter Jr. class, Carlos Peralta won over Juan Olivera by points in 10.

▲**Mendoza** — In the light class, Juan Vedia kayoed Marciano Tura in eight.

▲**Villa Mercedes** — In the middle Jr. class, Jorge Heredia kayoed Juan C. Villegas in 4th round.

▲**Santa Fe** — Good prospect in the junior welter division, Carlos A. Garcia whipped Francisco Lopez in 5th, technical decision.

▲**Victoria (Entre Rios)** — Feather Carlos Portillo kayoed Juan C. Lazzarini in third round.

▲**Coronda (Santa Fe)** — Domingo D'Elia beat Ramon Larrosa by KO in 4th round. (They are heavies).

▲**Villa Maria** — Argentine junior welter champion Carlos M. Gimenez kayoed Floren-Correa in third (Non title bout).

▲**Salta** — Argentine fly champion Juan J. Brizuela outpointed Jose Casas in 10 rounds. (Non title bout). **Lights** Oscar Tapia won over Eduardo Sandoval in 8 rounds.

▲**Concepcion del Uruguay** — In the feather division, Juan J. Noguera kayoed Walter Rodriguez in fourth round.

▲**San Juan** — South American light champion Raul Venerdini beat Rolando Gerez in 10. (Non title bout).

▲**Olavarria** — Two Fernandez in the ring: Miguel A. Fernandez, welter, beat Francisco Fernandez on points in 10.

▲**Barliloche** — Hard puncher Juan C. Rios kayoed Carlos Laciar in seventh. They are flyweights.

▲**Rio Tercero** — In the middle division, Rodolfo Rosales and Mario Delgado drew in 10. **Junior Welters**: Luis Dominguez and Jose Rodriguez drew in 8 rounds.

▲**Tunuyan (Mendoza)** — Undefeated in the middle class, Hugo Corro outpointed Ramon Robert in 10 rounds. **Feathers:** Tomas Aguero kayoed Ramon Caceres in first round.

▲**Paso de los Libres** — In the light class, Roberto Duarte beat Hugo Bidyeran in 10 rounds.

▲**Trelow (Chubut)** — In the feather class, Juan Malvarez kayoed Juan Bega in third round.

▲**Corrientes** — In the middle class, Oscar Campagna kayoed Carlos Reato in second round.

▲**Parana (Entre Rios)** — In the middle class, Ramon "Clay" Perez whipped Virgilio Fernandez in 6 and in the lightheavy class, Estelio Franco kayoed Ramon Vallejos in fourth round.

▲**Chanar Ladeado (Santa Fe** — In the middle division Angel Gusmaroli kayoed Orlando Quiroga in first round.

▲**San Lorenzo (Santa Fe)** — Edmundo Farias kayoed Telmo Gonzalez in seventh round. (Heavies).

▲**Pehuajo** — Ex-Argentine and South American champion, junior middle now in middle division, Ramon Pereyra kayoed Alberto Maldonado in seventh round.

▲**Mardel Plata** — In the Jr. Middle class, Angel Totaro and Vicente Holgado drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Tres Arroyos** — In the light class, Julio Rodriguez beat Ramon Ojeda in 6 rounds.

▲**Pergamino (Buenos Aires)** — In the Junior Middle class, Roque Roldan beat Ruben Loyola in 8th round. After the fight Loyola died in Junin, the town Luis Angel Firpo was born.

▲**Junin** — Luis Valdez and Abel Funes drew in 10. (Lights).

▲**Plaza Huincul** — Argentine and South American Light Jr. champion Victor Etchegaray outpointed Carlos Martinez in 10. (Non title bout).

▲**Villa Maria (Cordoba)** — In the welter jr. class, Mario "Hammer" Miranda kayoed America Munoz in first round.

▲**Cordoba** — In the middle division, Hugo Saavedra won over Juan "Yanni" Garcia by points in 10 rounds.

▲**Paso de los Libres** — In the light division, Ramon Moreyra kayoed Catora Alvez in 5th round.

▲**Villa Calzada** — In the light class, Gregorio Villavicencio and Juan C. Rios drew in 4. (Medical decision).

▲**Villa Mercedes** — In the junior welter class, Carlos Villegas and Jorge Heredia drew in 6.

▲**Monte Buey (Cordoba)** — In the middle class, Miguel Saul and Victor Pereyra drew in 10.

▲**Huinca Renanco** — In the middle class, Orlando Quiroga kayoed Virgilio Fernandez in second round.

▲**Salta** — In the light division Carlos Ibanez beat Marciano Tura by points in 10. **Flys:** Jose Flores kayoed Rafael Uncos in third and **Middles** Alberto Almiron beat Raul Rodriguez on points in 10.

▲**Arrecifes** — In the middle class, Roque Almiron kayoed Luis Carcacha in six.

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MONTANA PROFESSOR DIGS UP 185-ROUND FIGHT OF 1865

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and Hugh answered the call with a right on the breast. The "close" sounded and both fell, Hugh undermost.

7. Con registered a miss at the bread basket with his left, but got away; he then put in an appearance with his sinister mauler on Hugh's knowledge box; Hugh, forcing Con to the ropes, let fly an awful left hander at Con's right eye which he avoided by the 1-16 of an inch, and Hugh's hand running open along the rope came against the post with great force, spraining his hand and leaving it worth little for the rest of the fight. In the fall Con was undermost.

8. Con commenced business with a heavy lunge of his right on the short ribs, receiving a counter on the chest wanting steam. A close, and Con slipped down; Hugh's left swelling, before putting up his hands he had to close the left with the right.

9. Heavy exchanges on the body, Con suffering two heavy smacks near the seat of wickedness from Hugh's right, and a visitation on the mug, getting the worst of the round altogether, being three times short in his delivery; he fell backwards, and Hugh on him.

10. A sounding rap from Con's right, just over the dividing line, Con down and O'Neil fell heavily on him.

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180. This was all for O'Neil, who struck Orem right and left, knocking him down with a smack from his left.

181. O'Neil knocked Orem down with his right.

182, 183. Con rushed in wildly; O'Neil struck him down easily with his right on the shoulder.

184. Orem got in a right and left on the nose, but had no steam on; he slipped and fell; O'Neil walked to his corner.

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HAYLES SURPRISED BY GUISSEPPI IN 10 AT BELIZE

By HENRY YOUNG

Birds Isle, Belize — In a 10 round non-title bout between Percy Hayles, British Empire, and Commonwealth lightweight champion and Fitzroy Guissippi, Guissippi got the unanimous decision in an exciting bout.

On the supporting card, Lionel Cameron, Jamaica, stopped Manuel Sanchez in the 6th round of a 10. Henry Gill (Belize) stopped Chamaco Hoil in the 4th round.

DUANE BOBICK'S 19TH. PUTS GULLICK OUT IN 2 HEATS

By CARTER GRANT

Scranton, Pa. — Jarring body shots and left hooks paved the way for unbeaten heavyweight Duane Bobick's 19th consecutive victory when he scored a second-round knockout over Ted Gullick in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

For the 210-pound Bobick, it was his 19th straight knockout, tieing him with eight other boxers for ninth place on the all-time boxing list for most consecutive knockouts. The record is 43 straight.

Bobick controlled the bout from the opening bell and soon had Gullick on the deck twice in the first round. Gullick, who fought World Heavyweight Champion George Foreman and Top 10 contender Earnie Shavers two years ago, went down in the opening seconds of the second round and the bout was halted with only 31 seconds elapsed.

"He stung me with a short left hook in the first round," Bobick said, "but I shook it off and came back with some good hooks myself. I felt very good after this win because I was able to do some things better than I have ever done."

The former Minnesota native will return to New York City to begin training for his April 6 bout with Billy Daniels in Huntington, West Virginia.

MIDWEST GOLDEN GLOVES DRAW BIG IN MINNEAPOLIS

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

Minneapolis, Minn. — The 44th Annual Upper Midwest Golden Glove tournament was held at the Auditorium. The two day tourney drew 5,068 fans and $16,000 at the gate. The following champions were crowned and will represent this area in the National tournament. — Heavyweight, Louis Christianson, Fairmont - 178 pds., Gary Struss, St. Paul - 165 pds., Larry Schutz, Minneapolis - 156 pds., Tom Werlinger, Wahpeton - 147 pds., Gary Holmgren, St. Paul - 139 pds., Ruben Contreras, St. Paul - 132 pds., Rock Folstad, Minneapolis - 125 pds., Dave Lamphere, Hibbing - 119 pds., Willie Clennon, Rochester - 112 pds., Gilbert Mitchell, Minneapolis.

▲With the pros in out of state action — Rafael Rodriguez, Minneapolis welter fought an eight-round draw with Keith Avertee, Akron, O. at Chicago. . .At Miami Beach, Fla. Rodney Bobick, Bowlus, Minn. heavyweight, stopped former WBA light heavyweight champ Vicente Rondon, Venezuela, in the third round.

Duane Bobick, Bowlus, stopped Jimmy Cross in three rounds at Oklahoma City for his eighteenth knockout in a row. . .Glenn Morgan, Richfield, Minn., knocked out Lonnie Robbins of Altamonte Springs, Fla. in the third round of a middleweight bout at Orlando, Fla. Morgan is 10-0, all knockouts.

▲**West St. Paul, Minn.** — One of the finest local amateur cards in years was presented at the Armory before a standing room only crowd of over 1,000 screaming fans. The show was put on by promoter Phil Skarda as a benefit for the families of three West St. Paul firemen killed in a fire. Henry Grooms brought in three top amateurs from Kalamazoo, Mich. for the show. Nearly $2,500 was raised by the benefit.

In one half of the co-main event, St. Paul welterweight Gary Holmgren stopped Floyd Mayweather of Kalamazoo in the first round with a left hook. In the other feature, Joe Abbott, St. Paul, won a split decision over Mahmoud Fadel of Kalamazoo in a rough, tough, heavyweight battle.

In a special event, Oliver Lewis, Kalamazoo, won a split decision over St. Paul's Steve Adams in a 165-pound match. In other bouts — 125 pds., Randy Weldon, St. Paul, dec. Don Newton, St. Paul — 123 pds., Jim Tyler, St. Paul, dec. Andy Snyder, Minneapolis — 120 pds., Tony Weatherspoon, St. Paul, dec. Mike McGinn, St. Paul — Exhibition, Ronnie Kampa, St. Paul and Greg Stewart, Minneapolis — 115 pds., Pat Henley, Minneapolis, stopped Dave Iverson, St. Paul, 3 — 110 pds., Louie Yanez, St. Paul, dec. Dave McCall, St. Paul.

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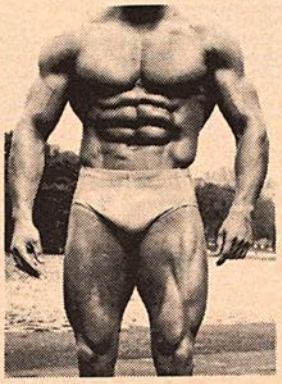

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DURAN KAYOES DeJESUS IN 11 WEIGHT A MAJOR PROBLEM

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It would appear that DeJesus might serve himself best as either a junior welterweight or even a welter rather than hurting his health attempting to remain in the 135 pound class.

We asked Carlos Eleta, Duran's manager, what was in store for the world's lightweight champion.

"If it goes according to plan," said Eleta "we will fight Andres Steyn, of South Africa next and then later in the year, Ken Buchanan."

Buchanan is scheduled to fight a Puerto Rican, Alfredo Escalera, who is The Ring's second rated junior lightweight.

Despite Buchanan's weight advantage over Escalera he is fighting a man who can punch like a mule and a loss to the Puerto Rican could easily lose for him the shot at Duran.

The word was given out that the new arena, called the Panama Gymnasium, seated 16,000 and that it was a STO event. The house was scaled to bring in around $400,000 but after skimming off the freebies the live gate came in around $225,000.

In addition, the telecast brought in $80,000 from Puerto Rico and an even greater amount from The American Broadcasting System's "Wide World of Sports" program. The exact amount derived from the latter medium could not be assayed until various costs were calculated, stated Mike Malitz and Bob Arum of the television connection.

Going into the ring Duran was guaranteed a purse of $125,000 and DeJesus $40,000. Their total takes should be much more.

In the first fight on the card, Mario Mendoza, a sparring partner for Duran, iced Enrique Maxwell in 50 seconds of the seventh round. It took Maxwell close to five minutes to get to his feet. A flury of head blows with a solid left hook ended the bout.

In a bout scheduled for 10 rounds, Rodolfo Francis, Jr., a featherweight, knocked out Norberto R. Blanquiset of Columbia with one good right hand punch in 2:40 of the first round.

In another bout scheduled for 10 rounds, Marcos Britton, 121 pounder, made short work of Patito Madrigal, of Costa Rica, when the Panamanian found the range early in round one only to have the referee halt the contest, check a badly defeated Madrigal and then allow the fight to continue.

Poor judgement in the referee department, and it was lucky that Madrigal didn't receive serious damage. Despite everything he was knocked out in 2:13 of the first round after a series of blows, any one of which could have accounted for the end.

When the referee finally decided to halt the fight Madrigal was bent across the ropes, beyond defending himself.

All the fights up to the main event, scheduled for 10 rounds, ended in early knockouts. The title fight was scheduled to hit the ether at 5PM, New York time.

Suddenly the Panama Boxing Commission was faced with the task of filling in for half an hour. This they attempted by a series of announcements while the local fans got restless.

"RINGSIDE" WITH "SAILOR" DON SAUER

Whenever any of the real boxing folks talk the sport—they compare the heavyweights of today with those of yesteryear. Frankly, it is extremely difficult to make a comparison.

Back in the Joe Louis era—men like Max Schmeling, Max Baer, Lou Nova, Tony Galento, Jimmy Braddock—compared to the likes of Jerry Quarry, Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Boone Kirkman, Jack O'Halloran, Joe Bugner, and Ken Norton, to name a few of the recent knucklebusters of today. Styles make the fight—condition is also the big factor—so how can one make such a comparison?? The purses were less in the "olde days" and the fighters were hungry—this could be a factor. My old pal, Lou Brouillard, who lives just up the street from me, and who indulges in a beer or two with me weekly—claims he was born 40 years too early—Lou says he would have destroyed the present crop of welters and middles if he were active today—and looking at Brouillard—even at the age of 62, I'm inclined to believe him. More than 1,000 persons attended the funeral of veteran fight manager, Suey Welch in Los Angeles—his ex-middleweight champion, Gorilla Jones, and Jimmy McLarnin were some of the mourners along with managers, trainers and show people—I had talked to Suey on the phone just 2 days prior to his heart attack—and he was so intent on having his featherweight Art Hafey ready for the big return match with former king, Ruben Olivares—a fight Suey never got to see. Los Angeles fight manager Jake Horn is looking for a title shot for his tiger, Mando Muniz, before time runs out on the little guy. Babe Griffin, the little hustling promoter from San Jose, Calif., and owner of a bar and grille, has signed on former middleweight champ, Carl "Bobo" Olson as his matchmaker and p.r. man. Olson's son Vince, toils as a bartender for Griffin at his "suds shoppe" for his bread and butter. My old friend Pinkie George, who managed the late Lee Savold and later Johnny Paycheck to title shots, is now a wrestling promoter in Long Beach, California—he never strays far from the square circle—whether it be boxing or the "grunt and groaners". Even at the age of 34 years—he passed this milestone last February—Jimmy Ellis continues to ply his trade—fighting in any tank town they will have him now, against the local boy, and always giving a good account of himself. Jimmy is one of the finest gentlemen you would care to meet. Thad Spencer who retired from boxing after being eliminated in the big W.B.A. tourney back in the sixties—then was hit with marital problems—recovered after being shot in a Portland, Oregon barroom altercation recently. Tommy Hicks, a look-alike of Joe Palooka and a fine trial horse among light-heavyweights, has been appointed education supervisor for Camp McCormick in upstate N.Y. The man who shot ex-lightweight champ, Wallace "Bud" Smith has been given only 20 years in prison in Cincinnati, certainly not enough time for a crime like that. Veteran N.Y.C. fight mentor, Al Bachman, should get together with featherweight Art Hafey, now that Suey Welch is gone—and take over the fighter himself—former Canadian light heavy king, Burke Emery, should stay on as Hafey's trainer. Joe Louis is back on the job at Las Vegas. Stablemate of late Tony Canzoneri, Chicago's Nick Scialba, is dead in the Windy City at the age of 63. George Parnassus, top west coast boxing promoter has been married for 50 years to Rosalie Montes, former manicurist. They have two sons, one who is a priest and the other a doctor—and George said if they had a third—he would have been a lawyer, how about that?? Jimmy Lennon, Los Angeles ring announcer has been at that job for over 30 years—reminds many of N.Y.'s late Joe Humphreys. Richie Gosha is a guy with a lot of personality, but his fighting days are over—but boxing commissions continue to allow him to ply the trade—and he has been a consistent loser since 1969. Richie picked up $1,000 for boxing and losing to Tony Doyle in San Diego—then received another $5,000 for his losing effort to Boone Kirkman in a Seattle ring! Joe Kellman, former Chicago boxing promoter, has undergone open heart surgery in Cleveland. Jack Dempsey has scored another knockout—at his age—a judge has rejected a landlord's attempt to up Jack's New York restaurant rent to $35,000 a year. Dave Lewis, proprietor of the Oakland, Calif. Gym, is $1711 in the red because of unpaid locker dues—come on boys, get it up. The Connolly brothers, Jim and Bill, were all "gung-ho" with monthly boxing shows at Don Bosco High School Gym in downtown Boston—but after their opening show, the school officials upped their rent and they had to cancel out. Gus "Pell" Mell, who fought some real featherweight wars in Boston rings in the forties with Sal Bartolo, now broke and desperately sick—ulcers and diabetes—in St. Mary's Hospital in Montreal. Mickey Davies epistles that his former sidekick, Tom Harmon of Michigan football fame, is trying to set up a west coast TV boxing network. According to Don Fraser, more than 13,000 fans anted up a whopping 84 grand to see the Carlos Monzon-Jose Napoles middleweight title tiff on closed circuit TV at the Forum in Inglewood, Calif. direct from the big circus tent in Paris—Angelo Dundee, who worked with Napoles told me that is the first time he had seen Monzon in action and Angie was impressed to say the least—figures retirement is the only thing that will beat Monzon. Don't be surprised if millionaire Bill Daniels is a candidate for Governor of Colorado—and if he is, he might be pedaling the fight contracts of heavyweights. Ron Lyle and Duane Bobick, anyone interested??? Miss Merry Hawkins, of San Jose, Calif., licensed manager of featherweight Jesus Robles, will be permitted to work his corner as long as she wears "suitable attire" according to an order issued by the California Boxing Commission—The Massachusetts Commission is still headed by Eddie Urbec—along with compatriots former heavyweight contender, Tom McNeeley and Manny "The Greek" Aronis—has been for years now—and maybe they keep being reappointed because they are doing the job as it should be done. Former amateur heavyweight of the fifties—and millionaire auto tycoon and race horse owner, Peter Fuller, will be a candidate for Governor of Massachusetts—and he has a good chance of making it—a well liked gent, who mixed with society as well as with the fight gentry. He's my type of guy for the big job. The Mendoza group, Jewish businessmen in Miami Beach and Miami—who pool their financial resources to develop young fighters, have a fine light-heavyweight in their stable named Jimmy Scott, a guy with a sock in either mitt and they have delegated the top veteran trainer, Lou Gross to each the lad—now how can this kid miss?? Could it be that Eddie Futch will be looking for a new job, after Joe Frazier "fought" Muhammad Ali's fight—but then again, very few trainers can outwit Angelo Dundee. Bennie Briscoe assumed the roll of spoiler, and stopped Tony Mundine of Australia in a big upset—now Mundine is blown out of the middlweight picture—for the time being at least. Rocky DiFazio is the big hit in Chicago rings of late, but I wonder if Rocky can take a punch—time will tell. Doc Braverman, the Akron, Ohio electrologist wants this writer to book ancient Amos Johnson—the guy had a win over Muhammad Ali when he was known as Cassius Clay (remember that name) in the amateurs—many, many years ago. Sorry to hear that veteran west coast boxing writer, Eddie Muller has been ill. Frank Taber, ex-boxing manager and promoter is dead in San Francisco at the age of 80 years. Benny Schwartz, ex-bantamweight out of Baltimore, owns a bar there—a real good puncher in his day, Benny doesn't look his 62 years—looks great!! Frisco heavyweight Larry Frazier and his manager Leo Fried have split. Pat O'Grady is the bloke who is breathing new life into the boxing business with his shows in Oklahoma City—and he employs his whole family—ticket-takers—glove men—publicity directors—lucky he's got a big brood, this sure cuts down on his expenses. It could be that Howie Steindler, manager of featherweight Danny "Little Red" Lopez will sign up for a Bobby Chacon fight for the $40,000 guarantee they are offering him. Boston promoter has gotten a lot of mileage out of lightweight Beau Jaynes, who has been boxing for years—and always gives a good account of himself. Silverman can always depend on Jaynes for ring action even if he calls him at the last minute. Denny Moyer has 139 pro fights under his belt and is still looking for fistic action anywhere in this universe. Former middleweight champ, Paul Pender, is talking to the Massachusetts Parole Board to try to spring his middleweight Chris Pina—so they do some traveling and campaigning for big money shots—Pina is serving a "life sentence" for murder—and has been boxing in New England rings while on the "furlough program" from the state prison. Pender's cornerman—Charles "Babe" Wood, will re-open his "Old Mill Lounge" bar and grille on the Plymouth, Mass. waterfront this month—a great spot for the boxing fans—and the tourists alike. Brooklyn school teacher, Danny McAloon, who was in the process of cracking the middleweight ratings until sidetracked by up and coming Vito Antuofermo, is undecided about resuming his ring career. Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass., southpaw, continues his winning ways in New England rings—but with very careful matchmaking. Hagler is trained by Goody Petronelli of East Bridgewater, Mass., who boxed in the forties under the monicker, Goody Peters. Aging Bobby Gleason is looking for action for his veteran socker, Charlie "Devil" Green, they have gloves and will travel. Lightweight Johnny Howard who performs around the country as a lightweight, was shot in the arm by police in Richmond, Va., (his hometown) while breaking into a steak house there. Jeff Merritt has been around—but he's a fine heavyweight prospect—now Don King is promoting him in Cleveland and says King "if he keeps his head on straight, he'll be the next heavyweight champion." Merritt had his difficulties, winding up in prison but maybe now he can put it all together. Ron Stander weighed 248 pounds the other night losing to Charlie James in Honolulu—when he fought Joe Frazier for the title in May of 1972 he tipped the Fairbanks at 218—this kid is growing but fast! Jimmy Heair, the top lightweight battler in California who suffered a broken nose sparring in the gym, has now undergone an operation and will be on the shelf for almost three months. Ray Lunny III, son of former contender of the forties, was honored in San Francisco as northern California's "Best Fighter of the Year". The program was sponsored by the Society for California Boxing. What has happened to John "Dino" Dennis, a fair to middling heavyweight out of Attleboro, Mass.—this kid had great potential as an amateur—then turned pro and hasn't fought that much??

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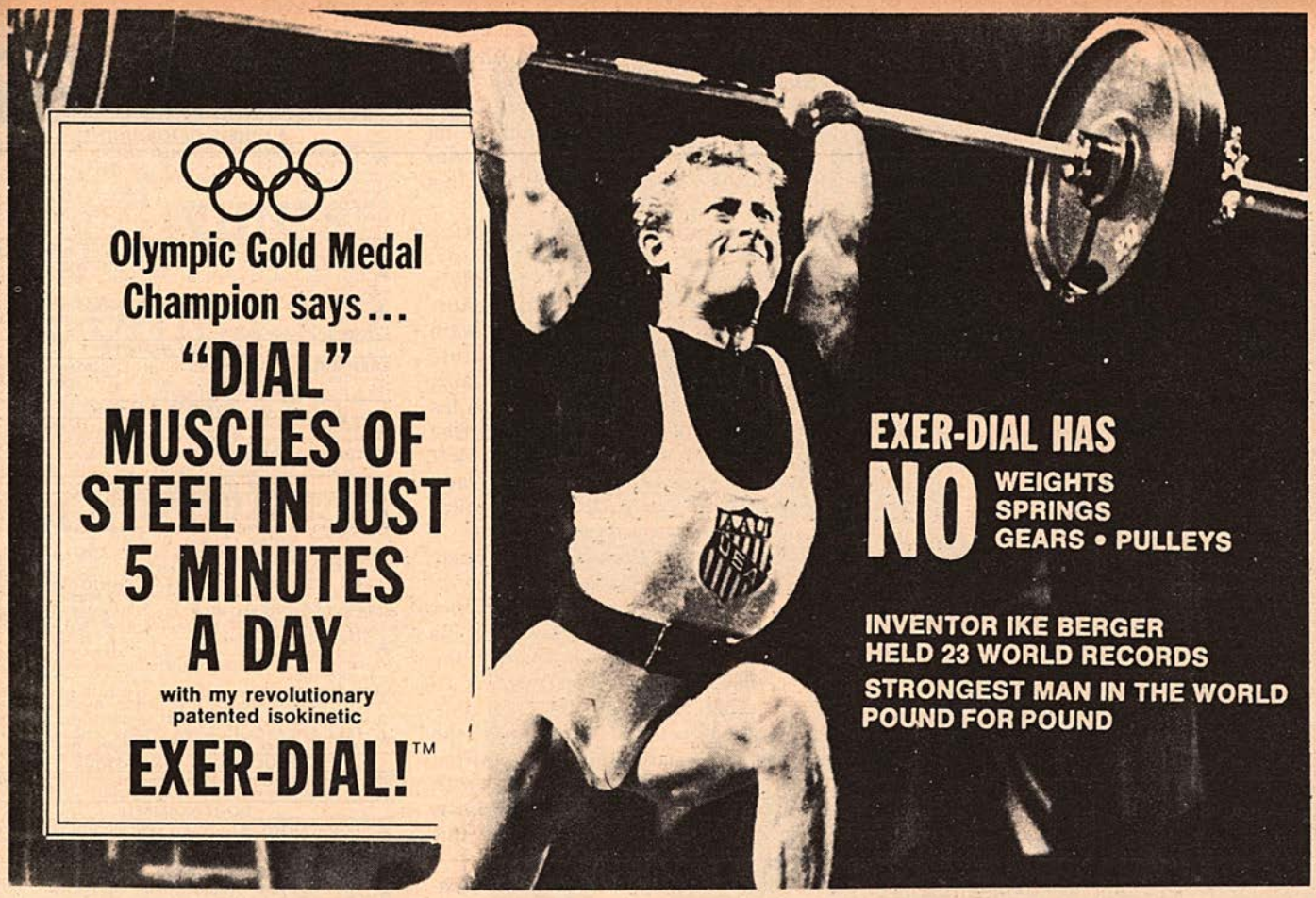

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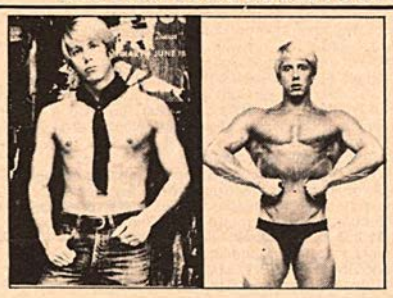

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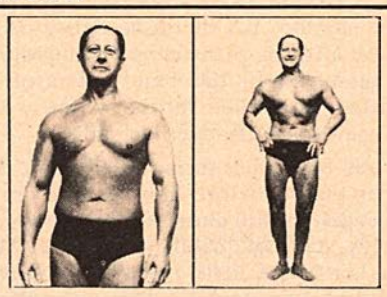

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OBED AIMS TO BE 1st CHAMP FROM BAHAMAS

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tion filtered out.

Obed, whose real name is Everrette Oswald Ferguson, was born in Nassau, on the island of New Providence on February 21, 1952. He started as a pro at age 14½ in 1967. He never reaped the benefits usually accruing to those having amateur boxing experience, instead he drifted among the battlers throwing leather for pay.

He received his early training when a local promoter, seeking to develop a steady crop of performers for his weekly shows, picked him up with several friends for periodic visits to a local gym. Though the quality of his early ring schooling fell short of excellence, he stuck to his guns and persevered in beginning bouts, fighting his heart out until his locker room door was notched with the name of every islander in his weight classification.

But the good fortune of Elisha Obed was compounded when he was taken over by Moe Fleischer, the New Yorker who made matchmaking history in the neighborhood clubs in the years following World War II. In recent years Moe reverted to earlier form as a trainer and teacher of young boxers and can be found practicing his art seven days a week at the Miami Beach Fifth Street Gym. Elisha Obed is one of his products and never enters a ring without Moe Fleischer adorning his corner. Between fights in Nassau, Elisha brings his training camp to Miami to be under the watchful eye of Moe who cares for his charge in a way reminiscent of the days he brought Jimmy Slavin to the New York National Guard featherweight championship and prepared Kid Chocolate for many of his major fights.

At 5′ 11″ and rapidly approaching the avoirdupois of a middleweight, Elisha listens to Moe's words, aware of the wisdom they contain. Moe has turned the Bahamian champ into a polished boxer who has demonstrated a versatility in recent bouts uncommon for a youngster of 21. He punches sharply with either hand but his boxing prowess draws superlatives from veteran observers. He can be described as a boxer-puncher with the ability to artfully box against the sluggers or generate a steady flow of gloves when competing against a boxer-stylist like himself.

Elisha Obed's new manager, Michael Dundee, has given the Obed prospectus a new dimension. With Moe Fleischer his teacher and Michael Dundee, the son of Chris Dundee, the team is well balanced. Michael was raised in the atmosphere of rosin and boxing rings. For his entire lifetime, his dad has been occupied in putting shows together, first in Virginia and then in Florida where he has been active as boxing's leading promoter for 22 years. If he missed out on anything along the way, his uncle, Angelo Dundee, who has guided some of the super-stars of this generation, filled in the voids.

When not occupied with ring activities, Elisha goes for billiards, rock music, swimming and spear-fishing. With only a seventh grade education, he feels he must make the grade in his chosen profession in order to give substance to his future life-style. He works diligently at his trade. Fleischer sometimes is forced to curb his ambitious gymnasium efforts. Elisha steadily works on the accuracy of his left jab and continues to improve an already devestating right cross. He seems tireless when preparing for an upcoming bout.

Reaching the crossroads in his boxing career, Elisha is now faced with a stopgap in activity unless he moves to greener fields. He needs desperately to exhibit his athletic skills in arenas in which the critics congregate. His great need is to perform before more sophisticated audiences. Boxing centers throughout the United States are hard-pressed more often than not to make up complete shows with available indigenous talent and there exists a crying need for Obed's services at this time.

Particularly along the Eastern Seaboard, where the name of Elisha Obed has caused vibrations among boxing followers for the past two years, is this need emphasized.

If Obed is to continue his progress and gain world-wide recognition as a leader of his division, it becomes increasingly obvious he must eliminate the opposition in loftier strata. The only way he can prove contendership is to be granted the chance to compete among the world leaders. He is hoping his past record plus unusual talent will bring him face to face with this opportunity soon. At age 21, and six years of competition behind him he is an imposing threat to those who qualify among the world-ranked.

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VENTURA DECKS KOST THRICE IN FIRST HEAT

By VINCENT JIM LEO

Binghamton, N.Y. — Ringside Promotions, promoted their third boxing card at the Broome County Arena. Local favorite Tommy Kost, was the headliner, but rugged Tony Ventura, of Buffalo, was the spoiler.

Ventura, 205, spilled Kost after only 30 seconds of the opening round. Kost never recovered, and was dropped two more times, prompting a halt under the three knockdown New York State rule. The end came at 1:51 of the opening round. Kost, 195. Ventura's record is now 17-10, while Kost, 18-3.

Ray Elston, 177, New York, in his first ten rounder, gained a unanimous decision over Tommy Hicks, 172, of Ithaca, in the co-feature. Elston, a muscular fighter, in excellent condition, was able to keep Hicks from generating any effective offense, while scoring with right hands. Elston's record, 9-0-1, and still unbeaten. Hicks slipped to 23-11-3.

In an action filled six rounder D. C. Barker, 176, Denver, scored his third straight win with a six round decision over Don Rucker, 175, Buffalo. Rucker, built up a margin in the opening rounds but tired in the closing stanzas. Barker, is 3-0, and Rucker, 6-2. Two officials saw Barker the winner while the third called it a draw.

Willie Wilson, 175, of Syracuse, settled for John D'Amore, 177, of Rome, as his opponent in another six rounder when the scheduled foe backed down. Willie responded by KO'ing D'Amore, at 1:08 of round two. Wilson is now 15-2-1.

In the curtain raiser, Jerry Snyder, 137, of Endicott, N.Y., fought to a four round draw with John Davis, 142½, of New York. Snyder is 7-5-1, while Davis is 4-3-1.

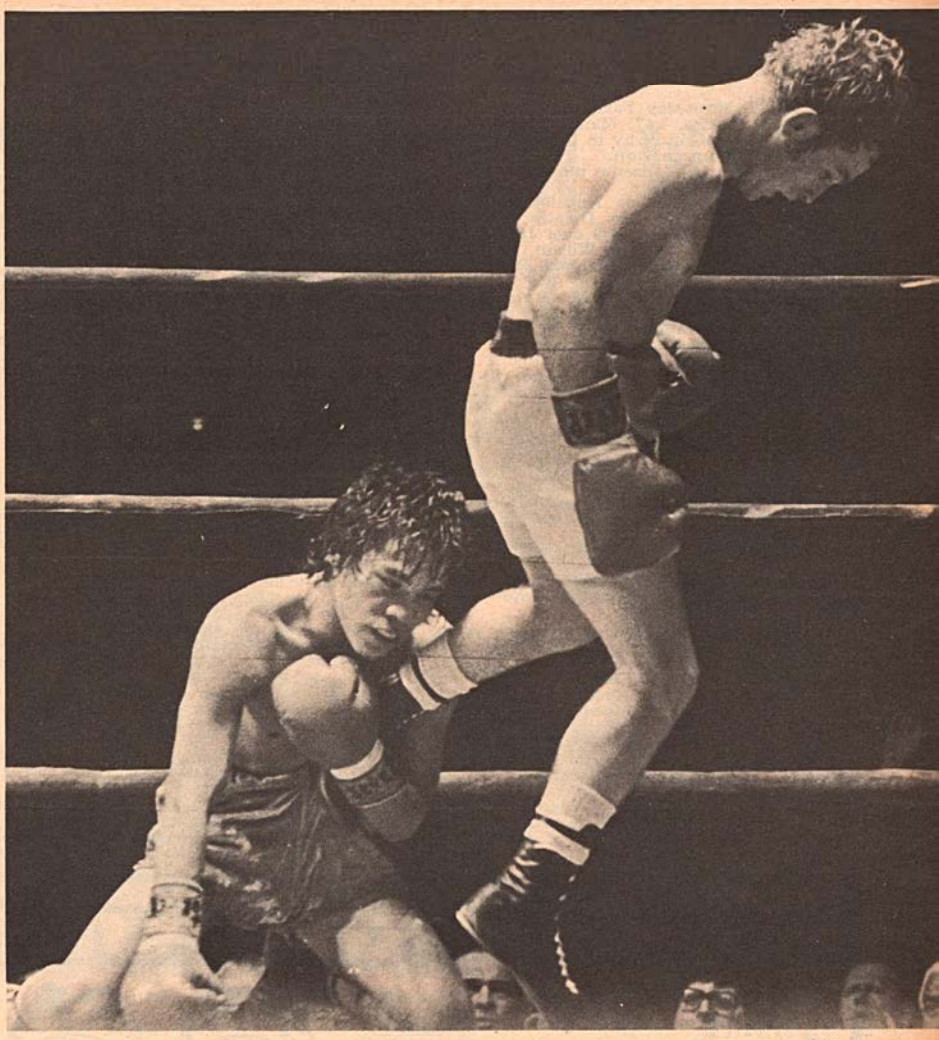
Wayne Rosen and Ed Gartell's Ringside Promotions card drew 3,470 fans who paid $19,524.

▲Syracuse's Central New York Amateur Club promoted its 25th boxing show at the Grant Junior High School. Popular local winners were Jack Scollo, bantamweight, Leroy Harris, lightweight, Karl Paul, middleweight, Tom Gwynn, lightweight, and Lloyd Wiegel, welterweight.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

Olivares Comes off Deck to Squeeze in Over Hafey

By DON FRASER



Ruben Olivares, former world bantamweight champion, hits the deck in the 10th round of his bout with Irish Art Hafey at The Forum in Los Angeles. Olivares came back to win 12 round split decision win over Hafey.

INGLEWOOD—Former world bantamweight champ Ruben Olivares once again found out he is a different fighter when he confines his training activities to the gym, instead of the night club circuit.

The 25-year-old Mexican had to be in superb condition to overcome a knockdown and come back strong to edge Art Hafey in 12 rounds at the Forum.

Olivares, campaigning for a crack at the world featherweight championship, boxed beautifully to capture a split decision.

Hafey, a short, stocky puncher, pressed the action, but couldn't catch up with the elusive Olivares till early in the 10th round.

The punch that dropped Ruben was a right hand to the forehead. He was up at eight, but on weak wheels the rest of the round. Olivares then stayed at a distance in the final two rounds, escaping Hafey's right hand bombs.

The scoring was different: Referee Dick Young favored Olivares, 7-5. Judge Eddie Fierro saw it for Hafey, 6-4, while the other judge, Dick Steele was big for Ruben, 10-2.

Hafey is eager for a return match, but Olivares wants to go after the WBA 126 pound title, held by Panama's Ernesto Marcel. The official title is vacant.

The weights, Olivares, 126; Hafey, 125. The bout was for the North American Boxing Federation featherweight championship. The gate was $90,102, contributed by 12,000 fans.

Once beaten Bobby Chacon, 126½, San Fernando, had little trouble with Genzo Kurosawa, 125, Tokyo, in their scheduled 10-rounder.

Loser only to Olivares in 23 fights, the 22-year-old Chacon was hitting the game Japanese at will when referee Rudy Jordan stepped in at 2:03 of the fifth round and awarded the bout to Chacon.

Hugo Barazza, 133, Colombia, S.A., disposed of Jose Salas, 133½, Mexico City, in the third round. Former national Golden Gloves titleholder, Randy Shields, 136, North Hollywood, decisioned Armando Cordova, 137, Los Angeles, in a six rounder.

▲**OAKLAND, Calif.**—Veteran Henry Clark, of San Francisco, uncorked a major upset by stopping Jeff Merritt in the first round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the Coliseum.

When the bell sounded, Clark went to work, tossing punch after punch at Merritt. The latter took several on the chin and was in trouble and never recovered.

Clark weighed 211, Merritt, from Ohio, 208.

In supporting 10-rounders, Rudy Robles, 161, Los Angeles, halted Al Stankie, 163, Los Angeles, in the seventh round; Terry Lee, 176, Concord, decisioned Hildo Silva, 177, San Diego.

The gate was $11,979 and the promoter was Joe Gagliardi of San Jose.

▲**MEXICALI, Mexico**—Billy Lloyd, a southpaw welterweight out of Philadelphia, stunned the sellout crowd here as he knocked out promising Zovek Barajas, of Mexicali, in the second round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Barajas, a 5-1 favorite, was dropped in the first round from a right hook and never recovered. The referee stopped the fight with the local idol out on his feet near the end of the second round.

Lloyd weighed 146, Zovek, 148.

▲**SACRAMENTO**—Jean Mateo, the fighting Basque from Stockton, hammered out a thrilling 10th round knockout victory over Vicente Medina, 160½, Mexico, in the feature event at the Memorial Auditorium.

Mateo, a fine prospect weighed 161.

Joe Guevara, 124, Sacramento, decision over Jesus Robles, 126, Los Angeles, (8); Vicente Hernandez, 136, Stockton, outpointed Tony Sanchez, 134, Stockton, (8).

▲**LOS ANGELES**—Filipino Rudy Barro has found a new home at the Olympic Auditorium.

Making his second appearance there, Barro scored his second straight knockout win. Three weeks earlier, the stocky native of Luzon, P.I. . , halted Andy Price.

This time, Barro stopped Quincy Daniels, 145, San Diego, in the ninth round. Rudy had Daniels in serious trouble in the fourth, then finished the job in the ninth.

Referee George Latka raised Barro's hand with 33 seconds left in the ninth. Daniels, a member of the 1968 Olympic Games team, was unable to defend himself. Barro weighed 141.

Julio Gomez, 150, East Los Angeles, and Jose Flores, 151, San Diego, drew (6); Felix Garcia, 127, Los Angeles, decisioned Ray Thomas, 126, So. West L.A., (5); Juan Morales, East Los Angeles, 140, decision over Kenny Brooks, 139, Los Angeles, (6).

▲**SAN DIEGO**—In his fifth pro fight, Armando Muniz was hard pressed to gain a six round decision over Walter Charles.

Meeting in a rematch three years later,

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Muniz, 147½, Monterey Park, Calif., had no trouble with Charles, 147. Mando registered a clean cut knockout mid-way in the third frame with a left-right combination.

The crowd at the Coliseum numbered 2400 and the gate was $6500.

Javier Muniz, 139, Los Angeles, decision over Julio Loez, 138, San Diego, (6); Bob Handerly, 162, San Diego, KO over Jeff Priestly, 161, San Diego, (4); San Wilson, 187, Los Angeles, decision over Mel Marshall, 207, San Diego, (5).

▲SAN DIEGO—Smooth Hedgemon Lewis, 147, Los Angeles, had a good workout at the expense of Jose Miranda, 146, Mexico, in the 10 round main event at the Coliseum.

Lewis, who is hopeful of landing a title match with Jose Napoles, had a breeze, winning eight out of the ten rounds.

▲LOS ANGELES—Slow and sluggish, Zovek Barajas of Mexicali, Mex., still was too much for Argentina's Roberto Sosa at the Olympic Auditorium.

The tall puncher was declared the winner when the South American couldn't answer the bell for the seventh round. Sosa was pretty well out of it and cut and bleeding when he retired in his corner.

Barajas collected knockout win no. 25 in 28 starts.

Weighing 148½, Zovek the Great said he was overtrained and "could never get loose". Sosa tipped in at 147.

The gate was $11,153, which was good considering the entire fight card was shown on local television.

Delfino Rodriguez, 127½, Los Angeles and Jesus Alfaro, 127, Mexico, tech. draw (1); Mike Weaver, 195, Pomona, decision over Kid Hercules, 202, Los Angeles, (6).

▲LOS ANGELES—Newcomer Jose Sanchez, 119, Mexico City, was no match for Benny Rodriguez, 120, Los Angeles in their 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Rodriguez, fighting a steady, aggressive style, scored a shutout on two of the official cards. Benny hurt Sanchez a couple of times, but couldn't register a knockdown.

It was win no. 23 against two losses for Rodriguez.

Victor Abraham, 134½, Long Beach, KO over Claude Durden, 135, Los Angeles, (1); Delfino Rodriguez, 128, Los Angeles, tech, draw with Kenny Brooks, 135, So. West Los Angeles, (1); Onesimo Artemus, 127, Mexico, decision over Ray Thomas, 123¼, Los Angeles, (4).

▲SAN DIEGO—Local favorite David Love, 157½, San Diego, got back in the win column, by posting a 10 round decision over Jose Martin Flores, 159, Mexico, at the Coliseum.

In a second 10-rounder, Mike Mayon, 138, San Diego, stopped Felix Jasso, 139, Los Angeles, in the sixth round.

Lgnacio Magana, 122, San Jose, decisioned Jorge De La Rose, 120½, Pasadena, (6); Richard Chavez, 149, Los Angeles, KO over Manuel Castillo, 146, San Diego, (5).

AUSSIES IN MOURNING OVER SAD FATE OF MUNDINE; NISSEN LOSES BRITISH TITLE

By RAY MITCHELL

Sydney, Australia — The question of Henry Nissen's future as a professional boxer was settled for him by Big Jim West. Nissen lost the British Commonwealth flyweight title in the fourth round to West.

For some time Nissen had not been able to decide if he should continue to be a fighter or devote himself to a lucrative business in the form of a men's shop.

▲Boxing fans of Australasia still are in a state of shock. They expected Tony Mundine to get a real fight from Bennie Briscoe, of Philadelphia.

But to get the flash from Paris that Mundine had been knocked out in five rounds left Australian boxing in mourning.

There had been an undercurrent of fear about Tony's chin. But Briscoe and a KO!

This KO has left us Aussies very depressed. But he is not finished, by any means. The record book shows many a revival from similar misadventures.

Promoter Ed Silver started boxing going again at Sydney's Hordern Pavilion with a pleasing result for Ed. Three tens were staged. Blakeney Matthews, 129, South African now residing in Australia, shone best with a resounding five-round victory over Japanese Masahara Tsuchiya, 130½. Silver is keen to bring out a top feather or junior-light for Blakeney.

Also on the bill, Australian flyweight champion Big Jim West, heavy at 117½, gave a good account of himself in easily outpointing Japanese Hisao Hidachi, 117. Jim found the Jap tough and strong and had to revert to more boxing skill than usual. Big Jim usually is a walk-up fighter of the Henry Armstrong school.

The third ten resulted in a third-round KO win for Al Korovou, 161, a Fijian who has been compaigning in Australia for several months. His opponent, Japanese Micheyoshi Numabe, 163, nearly upset the applecart in the second when he stunned Korovou, but Al pulled himself together and stormed to a short-cut win.

▲Japanese boxers haven't been faring well in Australia lately. Jap welter champion Shoji Tsujimoto, 147¼, came here to meet our welters but withdrawals by two brought Aussie lightweight champion Colin Cassidy into the picture.

Cassidy came in surprisingly heavy at 145½. It was a good fight they had at Melbourne Festival Hall, with points even at the end of the sixth, but Cassidy suffered a cut eye in that round and he tore into the attack from the bell starting the seventh, and in short time the Jap champion was in dire straits. He was hitting the deck when referee Terry Reilly called it off and crowned Cassidy in the round.

▲Australian flyweight champion Big Jim West has been keeping himself busy. Fifteen days after winning at the Hordern he went in against Keith Ball, 118¾, at Blacktown R.S.L. Club. It was a terrier fight with West winning by a good margin of points over ten rounds. West scaled 119½.

▲One week later, at the same venue, Big Jim West 116¾, fought all over Steve Gossen, 120¾ in the latter rounds to halt Steve in the 9th round. At time of writing, West is due to fight Henry Nissen for Nissen's Commonwealth fly title and West's Australian crown. Should be an atom blast.

The other ten on the West-Ball bill at Blacktown resulted in Ted Gray, 163, gaining a clear points win over Eli Fanua, 163, to make it two-one in Aboriginal Gray's favor. Gray is a good boxer.

On the West-Gossen program, Aboriginal Brian Roberts, 115½, a boy to watch, outpointed Dennis Talbot, 114, over ten. Roberts won clearly but it was an entertaining fight. Everyone has to work at top gear against terrier Talbot.

▲Australian lightweight champion Colin Cassidy, 137½, had too much on the ball for his leading contender Andy Broome, 133, in their non-title ten at Melbourne Festival Hall, but Broome made the champ work. Cassidy won clearly on points.

▲Darryl Carrick, 143½, turned in the best showing of his career in defending his Victoria State welter title against Wayne Dunn, 146½, over ten at Melbourne Festival Hall. There was plenty of action but it was too one-sided to be really entertaining. It is many years since I've seen one boxer defeat another by such a big margin of points. Dunn is a game boy—too game.

▲Filipino Fred Pastor was imported to meet Australian and Commonwealth junior-welter champion Hector Thompson, but Hec suffered an eye injury in training, so the bout was cancelled. Pastor turned up one week later at Melbourne Festival Hall in an 8-ROUNDER! This was the main support to Carrick-Dunn.

Party of the other part was Michael Cassidy, 137, brother of Colin. Pastor, 138, halted Michael Cassidy in the 6th round, but for the Filipino's sake, keep him away from Hector Thompson, who is a world-beater as a junior-welter.

▲The year is young but there have been a few good fights seen in 1974, and one that will take some topping took place at Albury Showground. Billy Mulholland, 124, who engaged in the best fight seen in Australia during 1973, in outpointing southpaw Dennis Talbot, met southpaw Jimmy Brown, 122, and when the dust settled, the three officials came up with different verdicts. Result: a draw.

▲At Kingsford, Jade Emerald, 139, clearly outpointed Alan Ajaka, 139. Three weeks later Ajaka, 138, met Dennis Bell, 138, who recently narrowly outpointed Emerald. On paper you'd say it should have been easy for Bell. It wasn't.

Matter of corresponding styles. History is full of such things. Great fight, a beautiful fight, and it ended in a draw, one judge, Barry Hayes, and referee (yours truly) carding it even, the other judge seeing it one point variation.

▲N.S.W. State lightweight champion Danny Agnew, 138, clearly outpointed Glen Howard, 135, at the Juniors, Kingsford, but his casual approach received a jolt in the second round when Howard shook him. From then on Agnew put new life into his work and didn't lose a round from the third.

▲One week later at the same venue, Tommy Roberts, 138, boxed his way to a clear points win over Jimmy Metcalfe, 134, who was a bit short on a lot of things: height, weight, reach and recent fights.

▲At Marrickville R.S.L. Club, Michael Cassidy, 135, clearly outpointed Jeff Malcolm, 133¾, but most of his margin came over the last two rounds. In an eight-round support, Dennis Talbot, 118, halted Roger Henry, 119, in the third round.

▲Good fight at Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale, Craig Windle, 143, outpointed Alex Burns, 144, to reverse a previous loss. Fans gave the boys a standing ovation.

▲At Blacktown R.S.L. Club, Keith Ball, 126, bustled his way to a points win over Steve Gossen, 125.

▲At Western Suburbs Leagues Club, New Lambton, Binky Rominski, 136, was surprisingly held to a draw by Amos Roberts, 138, over eight rounds. Good fight.

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CONTEH STOPS BOGS ON WAY TO TITLE TRY WITH FOSTER

By RON OLVER

LONDON, England—Local fight fans dashed from three day a week schedules into a triple header at Wembley which was featured by a victory for Johnny Conteh over Denmark's Tom Bogs. Here is how the three features results;-

Johnny Conteh stopped Bogs, who failed to leave his corner after the sixth round; a 6 round KO.

Joe Bugner, heavyweight champion of Europe, beat Pat Duncan in a ten round fight which brought Bugner many boos and no plaudits.

Johnny Clark, bantam champion of Europea, scored a seven round TKO over undistinguished Chuck Spence, of Cleveland, USA, unrated.

A Conteh representative, Mickey Duff, was announced as flying to New York to arrange a fight with Bob Foster for the world light heavyweight title.

Before meeting Foster, Conteh will have to eliminate Chris Finnegan, in May.

Conteh's connections appear to regard a victory over Finnegan as a foregone conclusion.

American experts regard Conteh's chances against Foster no better than were those of South Africa's Pierre Fourie, who lost to Foster twice.

The big disappointment of the Wembley card was Bugner's showing against Duncan. The erratic Joe had one of his bad nights and found himself hooted by the turnout.

Conteh did just about what had been expected against smaller Bogs. British critics hailed Johnny's achievement in disposing of the Dane. But it was not a very spectacular showing by a man seeking the world title.

Clark hopes to go on to the world bantam title Bagner found it hard to fight Duncan as the Hungarian is handicapped against smaller fighters.

On an earlier card at London John Conteh, British, European and Commonwealth light-heavyweight champion, 181, comfortably outpointed Les Stevens, Reading, 190¼ over ten rounds by 98½-96½.

This was an excellent contest, just what Conteh needed to keep himself sharp for the months ahead, which could culminate in a world title fight with champion Bob Foster.

Stevens wasn't prepared to concede an inch.

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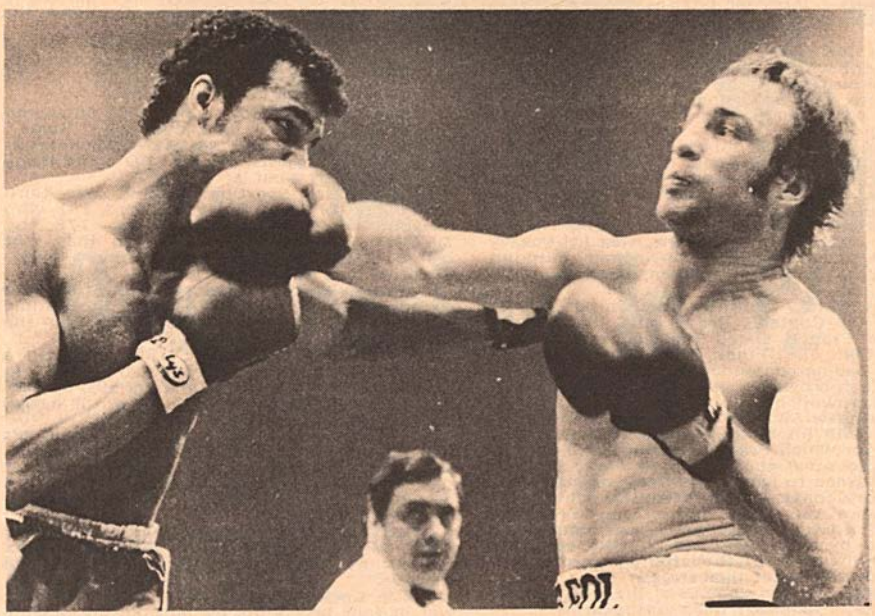

John Conteh, European light heavyweight champion, Great Britain (left) brushes off right thrown by Denmark's Tom Bogs aside as he bores in to win contest. The referee halted the fight in the sixth round.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

(As of April, 1974)

HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
Danny McAlinden (I)

1. Joe Bugner (E)
2. George Chuvalo (C)
3. Bunny Johnson (J)
4. Richard Dunn (E)
5. Billy Aird (E)
6. Les Stevens (E)
7. Rocky Campbell (Ant.)
8. Wendell Newton (B)
9. Fonomanu Sekona (Fiji)
10. Mani Vaka (T)

CRUISERWEIGHT
Champion
John Conteh (E)

1. Chris Finnegan (E)
2. Maxie Smith (E)
3. Roy John (W)
4. Pat McCann (E)
5. Johnny Frankham (E)
6. Ronnie Wilson (C)
7. Baby Boy Rolle (B)
8. Gary Summerhays (C)
9. Greg McNamara (A)
10. Steve Cansdell (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Tony Mundine (A)

1. Kevin Finnegan (E)
2. Bunny Sterling (J)
3. Battling Laavassa (Samoa)
4. Alan Minter (E)
5. Alipate Korovou (T)
6. Monty Bentham (NZ)
7. Ray McGrady (A)
8. Fred Etuati (Samoa)
9. William White (Samoa)
10. Kahu Mahanga (NZ)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Hector Thompson (A)

1. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
2. Des Morrison (J)
3. Joe Tetteh (G)
4. Pat McCormack (I)
5. Eric Briggs (NZ)
6. Johnny Summerhays (C)
7. Leo Young (A)
8. Matt Ropis (A)
9. Jim Melrose (S)
10. Joey Singleton (E)

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)

1. Elisha Obed (B)
2. Eddie Blay (G)
3. John H. Stracey (E)
4. Bunny Grant (J)
5. Fernand Marcotte (C)
6. Rocky Mattioli (A)
7. Peter Cobblah (G)
8. Bobby Arthur (E)
9. Alan Tottoh (E)
10. Wayne Bannister (A)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Charkey Ramon (A)

1. Nojim Maiyegun (N)
2. Larry Paul (E)
3. Carlos Marks (Tr)
4. Donato Paduano (C)
5. Pongi Lie (T)
6. Si Nomura (Samoa)
7. Matt Donovan (Tr)
8. Tom Imrie (S)
9. Frank Young (I)
10. Eddie Tavui (NZ)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
Percy Hayles (J)

1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Manny Santos (NZ)
3. Jim Watt (S)
4. Jonathan Dele (N)
5. Colin Cassidy (A)
6. Andy Broome (A)
7. Billy Waith (W)
8. Johnny Cheshire (S)
9. Milton Cooper (A)
10. Saoul Mamby (Tr)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
Bobby Dunne (A)

1. Art Hafey (C)
2. Toro George (NZ)
3. David Poison (G)
4. Love Allotey (G)
5. Evan Armstrong (S)
6. Jimmy Bell (S)
7. Jimmy Revie (E)
8. Bingo Crooks (J)
9. Tommy Glencross (S)
10. Alan Richardson (E)

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)

1. Johnny Clark (E)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Dave Needham (E)
4. Sulley Shittu (G)
5. Fred Burns (A)
6. Guinea Hillier (A)
7. George Turpin (E)
8. John Mitchell (S)
9. John Kellie (S)
10. Brian Clout (A)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
Henry Nissen (A)

1. John McCluskey (S)
2. Big Jim West (A)
3. Brian Roberts (A)
4. David Natta (Z)

Legend: An Antigua; A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; Fi Fiji Islands; G Ghana; Gu Guyana; In India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; Nz New Zealand; S Scotland; T Trinidad; To Tonga; W Wales; BH British Honduras; Z Zambia.

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He kept working, and although outjabbed he caused Conteh quite a bit of anxiety at times, and there were occasions when the champion looked ruffled, something a champion shouldn't be forced to do.

Although outboxed and mostly outfought, Stevens landed a few rights to the jaw, took all Conteh had to offer but was never allowed to take the initiative.

Just as it seemed that Conteh would coast home, Stevens staged a rally in the eighth. A right hook sent Conteh's gumshield out and the latter's mouth was cut.

Conteh held momentarily, and Stevens, encouraged by his success, continued to attack in the ninth, when Conteh had a cut under the left eye. John was warned for misuse of the head, but got back into the fight again with a couple of left hooks to the head that sent his man back.

The final round was all Conteh. He shook his opponent with a right cross, Stevens was tiring fast, he was injured by the right eye and cut on the nose, yet kept going, and Conteh wasted a lot of energy in flailing away rather than pick his punches.

No argument about Conteh's victory which was conclusive, but praise is due to Stevens for making him go all the way. Conteh's only fault was lack of composure, and that can be ironed out with greater experience.

Conteh's stablemate Pat McCann, Harrow, 171½, retained his Southern Area light-heavyweight championship by convincingly outpointing Gypsy Johnny Frankham, Reading, 174½, over 12 by 118½-116½.

This victory confirms McCann as a challenger for Conteh's British title, but manager George Francis stated that these two would never fight each other. "If McCann did get as far as leading contender Conteh would give up his British crown to allow Pat a chance for the vacant crown," he said.

Southpaw McCann concentrated on gaining points with his right jab, ignoring the comedy antics for which Frankham is noted. The latter produced some good left-hand work, but both were warned to ignore the frequent mauls, and produce a contest worthy of a title fight.

McAnn was more enterprising, Frankham content to wait and counter, but Johnny was marked by both eyes and in spite of a brief rally in the eleventh, the latter was forced on to the defensive in the final stages.

It was the first defense of the title McCann won from Frankham nine months earlier.

Two contenders for the British light-middleweight title, Kevin White, Wells, 157½, and Tom Imrie, Edinburgh, 157½, punched it out for four rounds when Imrie got a cut left eyelid, the bout being stopped in White's favour.

This was quite a scrap while it lasted. There were several infringements, and what appeared to be a final caution to Imrie in the third.

Imrie was expected to win this one by virtue of experience and power of punch, but White stood up to this well, keeping it close against a taller opponent. He hooked effectively, and Imrie could rarely set himself for his own punches.

In the second Imrie's right eye was cut, which handicapped him, and the cut to his other eye was more serious.

A return contest is a "must."

Angelo Dundee was impressed with the performance of Vernon Sollas, Edinburgh, 126½, who convincingly outpointed Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 128¼, the official scorecard of 79-78½ not doing full justice to Sollas' superiority, in this eight-rounder.

Said Angelo—"I'm very high on him. How many fights has this kid had?" The answer is that this was Vernon's eleventh bout, of which he has now won ten and lost one (to a lightweight). He has been a pro for only twelve months, and he's not yet 20 years old.

Sollas boxed when he had to, fought when he had to, and generally gave the plucky Wright a torrid time. But Tommy showed immense courage, in spite of being caught with a left in the fifth and a right in the sixth which had him reeling.

Afterwards Sollas said he should have stopped his man, but told me he had been unwisely eating yogurt in large quantities before the fight, and spent some time on the toilet before entering the ring, consequently feeling weak.

Even so it was difficult to give Wright more than a share of two or three rounds.

Gary Dunks, Stepney, 137, made it seven in a row by outpointing substitute Barton McAllister, Balham, 142, over six by 59½-59. McAllister did well in the opening rounds, but Dunks was in charge in the later stages.

McAllister's left lead was in contrast to Dunks' close-quarter work, and there was never much between these two.

National Sporting Club, London—Eddie Neilson, Swindon, 206½, got off the floor to stop Peter Freeman, Bolton, 207, in the fourth.

Southpaw Neilson was decked early in that round, got up, shook his head, then proceeded to floor his opponent twice before the referee called a halt with ten seconds of the session still left.

Jabbing well with his right, Neilson showed up well in the first three rounds, only to be caught with a right flush on his suspect chin. But he seemed little the worse as he came right back from the knockdown to do a bit of jaw-punching himself.

Freeman was reeling around when the bout was stopped, a good comeback for Neilson after a two-rounds defeat against Vasco Fausthino two months previously.

Henry Rhiney, Luton, 150, impressed in outpointing former welter contender Tommy Joyce, Doncaster, 149, by the narrow margin of 79-78½ over eight interesting rounds.

Southpaw Joyce used his greater experience to good effect, and his stance puzzled Rhuney at first. But the latter kept working, took the fight to his opponent, and in the final round Rhiney decked his man twice to clinch the verdict.

Tony Blackburn, Tonyrefail, 184, started slowly, then put on the pressure to stop substitute Barry Clough, Stoke, 187, in the fourth. Clough was down four times.

Brian Gregory, Doncaster, 151, outscored Pat Marshall, Bristol, 148, over eight "twos," by 80-76½. The victory was as overwhelming as the scoreline suggests, inspite of Gregory being handicapped by a cut left eye.

Bedfordshire Sporting Club—It was third time lucky for Steve Foley, Bedford, 181, who outpointed Ade Ajasco, Nigeria, 178, by 79-78½ over eight "twos." When they met before Foley lost both, one on an eye injury, the other on a disqualification.

Ajasco was down twice in the first two rounds, then came right back in the middle sessions, only to be floored again twice in the final round.

Dave Parris, Tottenham, 189, conceded a stone to David Fry, 203, put his man down in the second and outpointed him by 59½-58 over six "twos." It was Parris's fourth win in a row, not bad for a 29-year-old.

Carl Hazelwood, Bedford, 124¼, gained his second win over John McKnight, Glasgow, 121½, in a fortnight by outpointing him over six "twos" by 60-58, at the same time improving his performance. Last time the margin was only half a point.

Henry Cooper, Larkhall, 161, outscored Dave Mullins, Tottenham, 162½, over six "twos" by 59½-59. As close as the score suggests.

Mick Lock, Croydon, 163, gained in first win in four pro bouts by outpointing Mickey Walker, Nottingham, 162½, by 60-58½ over six "twos." Lock was down in the third, and Walker in the sixth. A good scrap.

Anglo-American Sporting Club, London—Kevin (brother of Chris) Finnegan, Cowley, 158½, is the new British middleweight champion, having outpointed the holder, Bunny Sterling, Jamaica and London, 159¾, over 15 rounds by 148-146½.

But many of the patrons did not agree with the verdict, sharing the dissension from Sterling and his manager George Francis, who first talked about an official protest, but afterwards realized that there is no precedent for altering a referee's decision in Britain.

Most agreed it was a mighty close fight, that could have gone either way. The point upon which practically all were unanimous - the points margin by referee James Brimmell did not seem as wide.

Be that as it may, Sterling lost his title, and this result, coupled with the recent controversial decision given against him in his European title fight with Italian Elio Calcabrini in Italy recently, makes it tough to take.

Sterling got a bit of consolation from a fan who came into his dressingroom afterwards and wrote out a cheque for £500, an anonymous donor who said he too disagreed with the verdict. As Sterling only got a meagre purse of around £,600 for his title fight, this must have been welcome, but he would rather have had his title.

The fight was in two parts—the first ten rounds saw Sterling ahead. Then he faded, and Finnegan was on top in the later rounds. Sterling boxed beautifully, scoring with neat jabs and making his man miss. Then he ran out of gas, and it was just a question of whether his early lead was sufficient to see him through.

Referee Brimmell decided that it wasn't.

All credit to Finnegan for his good finish in what was his first 15-rounder. If brother Chris can eventually win back his light-heavyweight crown, history will be made.

Peter Cain, Notting Hill, 160¾, remained unbeaten after outpointing Lloyd Gardner, Acton, 164, over six by 59½-59.

Charlie Small, St. Pancras, 160¾, knocked out Peter Mullins, Wolverhampton, 160, in the first after flooring him for six.

Ian "Broncho" Ramage, Islington, 117, survived a first-round knockdown to outscore Ray Jenkins, Hendon, 116½, over six by 59½-58½, and keep his undefeated record.

National Sporting Club, London—The ambition of Alan Buchanan, Edinburgh, 132¼, is to emulate his brother Ken and win the lightweight title. And if Alan ever got to be official challenger Ken might even prefer to vacate the crown. Certainly the two brothers would never box each other.

Alan had no trouble in outpointing Barton McAllister, Balham, 140½, who came in as a late substitute, by 80-77 over eight. The Scot shrugged off the weight handicap, and was in control throughout.

McAllister persistently took evasive action to keep out of trouble, but Buchanan got home with enough jabs and body blows to keep well on top. It was Alan's second win over McAllister in two weeks.

Nearly £20 in nobbins was thrown into the ring after Mike Manley, Pontypool, had outscored Mick Hussey, Islington, in a middleweight contest. Southpaw Manley made things difficult for his opponent, and was worth his 79½-77½ margin.

At one time Manley looked as if he might win inside schedule, but he was floored in the fifth, got up without bothering to take a count, and had to settle for a point win. The fans loved this blow-for-blow scrap.

Pat Thompson, Liverpool, 177¾, outscored Ralph Green, Durham, 180, over six by 60-59½. As the scoreline suggest, little in this one, with Green doing well early on, going forward all the time, and Thompson jabbing well in the later stages to get back on terms.

Carl Hazelwood, Bedford, 126, outpointed Alun Trembarth, Tonyrefail, 125¾, over six by 60-58½. Hazelwood jabbed well throughout, but Trembarth refused to concede an inch, although he couldn't match his opponent for speed of punch and of foot.

Executive Sportsmans Club, Port Talbot—Brian Jones, Swansea, 142, avenged the only defeat on his professional record when he gained a close 78½-78 points win over Irishman Jim Montague, 143, Coventry, in their eight-rounder.

And for Montague it was his first pro defeat.

Southpaw Montague has a good defense, and Jones found things difficult, and it wasn't until the final two rounds that he managed to get home some hard rights to the head, and clinch the issue.

Colin Davies, Aberfan, 160, has been inactive for half a year, but won his comeback fight by outpointing Batman Austin, Tottenham, 163, by 59-58½ over six. Southpaw Davies deserved his win, but it was a dull fight.

Steve Angell, Hemel Hempstead, 145, retained his unbeaten record by outscoring George Salmon, Halifax, 145, over eight "twos" by 79½-78. Ninth in a row for southpaw Angell, with Salmon working only in spasms.

Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester—George McKay, Edinburgh, 126½, stopped Central Area featherweight champion Billy Hardacre, Liverpool 127¼, on a cut eye in the fourth round. This avenged a points defeat last year.

McKay at long range, Hardacre at close quarters with fortunes fluctuating, until Hardacre sustained a cut above the right eye, which was serious enough for the bout to be stopped.

A "rubber" match would be a tremendous attraction.

John Laine, Grimsby, 152, outscored Keith Nugent, Stoke, 152, by 59-57 over six "twos." Laine had too much speed, and made good use of his right.

Ray Holdcroft, Stoke, 136½, had it all his own way against Dave Wraxall, Manchester, 137½, winning by 60-58 over six. Wraxall had no reply to his opponent's left jab.

Dave Coombes, Northwich, won every round in outscoring Tommy Naylor, Liverpool, 141½, by 60-57 over six. Naylor was outclassed, yet stuck to his task well.

Norbreck Castle, Blackpool—There was an uproar over Trevor Francis, Manchester, 145½, was awarded an eight-rounds points verdict over Trevor Francis, Basingstoke, by 79-78½, at the Blackpool Sportsmans Aid Sporting Club.

Central Area champion Flynn certainly worked like a beaver, but Francis revealed the skill, and looked to have won comfortably. However, referee Wally Thom thought otherwise.

Flynn was reckless with his head at time in his charging tactics, and was warned for this offense. But he overcame the handicap of a cut over the left eye in the fourth after being shaken in the first three rounds with some hard blows to the body. So full marks to Flynn for endeavor, but more than that is required to win a fight.

Fine pro debut by Al Stewart, Liverpool, 145, who knocked out Dave Dunn, Rossendale, 144, in 1 min. 55 sec. of the first round. A couple of left hooks to the body did the trick.

Les McGowan, Liverpool, 182, stopped Lloyd Stewart, Sheffield, in the eighth and final round. Last time they met McGowan won on points. Stewart was down twice.

Tim McHugh, Birkenhead, 160, also confirmed a previous win by outscoring Mickey Walker, Alfreton, 162, over six by 60-57½. Walker was outclassed, and did well to survive.

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ACTION IN EUROPE

By J. A. TREE

Frenchman Roger Menetrey, the European Welterweight champion, waves to crowd in the Paiais des Sports in Paris, following his 12 round decision over the American Billy Bacus.

Menetrey Over Backus In 12

PARIS, France—Billy Backus wandered as far as Paris from Syracuse, N.Y. to lose a 12 round split decision to Roger Menetrey, of France, in the Palais des Sports.

The decision was booed by most of the 2000 onlookers.

Backus weighed 145½ pounds and Menetrey 146.

Backus came close to decking the Frenchman with a terrific right in the eleventh round.

Paris, France—In the Galaxy circus tent, Elio Calcabrini, Italy, lost his European middleweight title after a reign of only 130 days, losing to Jean Claude Bouttier. The towel was thrown in the ring in round twelve.

Calcabrini has had 24 fights, won 15, lost 7 and drawn 2.

Bouttier was having his 69th start and has now won 63, lost 5 and drawn one.

In London, European light heavyweight champion, John Conteh, held on to his crown, beating Tom Bogs, Denmark, who failed to come out for round seven. Bogs bled badly from a cut eyebrow.

In Turin, WBC champion Bruno Arcari, Italy, retained his position by beating European junior welterweight king Toni Ortiz, Spain, who was disqualified in round eight for butting by third man Rudolf Drust, of Germany. The 30 year-old Spaniard almost fell out of the ring on two occasions and it was surprising that the referee did not take up the count.

Bruno Arcari, now 32, was making his ninth defense of his WBC junior welterweight crown. The champion was ahead on points at the time of the disqualification.

ITALY

▲**Rome**—Light heavyweight Sergio Janilli beat David Makre, Ivory Coast, KO4. Middleweight Roberto Benacquista beat Manuel Caracellas, Argentine, TKO2. Junior welterweight Gianni Lamusta beat Omar Cabrera, Uruguay, KO3.

▲**Milan**—Heavyweight Lorenco Zanoin outscored Paul Simoneth, USA, six. Light heavyweight Ennio Commetti beat Paul Poirer, TKO3. Middleweight Daniano Lassandro beat Cipriano Cipriani, TKO1. Welterweight Eddie Blay, Ghana, beat Walter Peters, Trinadad, TKO8. Featherweight Michele Siracussa outscored Abu Arrow, Nigeria, six. Lightweight Santino Reali outpointed Body Guy, Nigeria, six.

▲**Porto Torres**—Lightweight Giuliano Lai decisioned Giles Debdert, France, ten.

▲**Palermo**—Aldo Traversaro held on to his Italian light heavyweight title beating Renzo Grespan, KO11. Light heavyweight. Domenico Adinolfi outscored Jean Tshikuna, eight. Featherweight Michele Siracusa decisioned Paul

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EUROPEAN RATINGS

(As of April, 1974)

Heavyweights
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Jose Urtain (S)
2. Bepi Ros (I)
3. Mario Baruzzi (I)
4. Rudi Lubbers (H)
5. Bernd August (G)
6. Conny Velensek (G)
7. Hartmut Sasse (G)
8. Casimiro Martinez (S)
9. Armando Zanini (I)
10. Harold Skog (N)

Light Heavies
* John Conteh (GB)
1. Tom Bogs (D)
2. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)
3. Karl Heinz Klein (G)
4. Aldo Traversaro (I)
5. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
6. Erik Nussbaum (Switz)
7. Renzo Grespan (I)
8. Tom Jensen (D)
9. Roberto Amori (F)
10. Franco Macchia (I)

Middleweight
* Jean Claude Bouttier (F)
1. Elio Calcabrini (I)
2. Gratien Tonna (F)
3. Fabio Bettini (F)
4. Mario Almanzo (I)
5. Eckhard Dagge (G)
6. Germano Valsecchi (I)
7. Sauro Soprani (I)
8. Franz Czandl (A)
9. Antonio Castellini (I)
10. Joel Le Guern (F)

Junior Middles
* Jacques Kechichian (F)
1. Johann Orsolics (A)
2. Domenico Tiberia (I)
3. Jose Duran (S)
4. Fighting Mack (H)
5. Francis Vermandere (F)
6. Aldo Bentini (I)
7. Randolph Hombach (G)
8. Christian Larsen (D)
9. Armando Patronelli (I)
10. Alberto Torri (I)

Welterweights
* Roger Menetrey (F)
1. Jorgen Hansen (D)
2. Domenico Di Lorio (I)
3. Marco Scano (I)
4. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)
5. Max Heibesen (Switz)
6. Germain Lemaitre (F)
7. Jose Gonzales Dopico (S)
8. Giuliano Nervino (I)
9. Walter Blaser (Switz)
10. Kurt Hombach (G)

Junior Welters
* Tony Ortiz (S)
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Roger Zami (F)
3. Cemal Kamaci (T)
4. Piero Ceru (I)
5. Tommaso Marocco (I)
6. Romano Fanali (I)
7. Bernard Creton (F)
8. Baldassare Picone (F)
9. Bruno Freshi (I)
10. Fernando Perez (S)

Lightweights
* Antonio Puddu (I)
1. Ugo Di Pietro (I)
2. Efisio Pinna (I)
3. Leonard Tavarez (F)
4. Enzo Pizzoni (I)
5. Jean Piedvacche (F)
6. Giuseppe Carbonara (I)
7. Perico Fernandez (S)
8. Enzo Petriglia (I)
9. Dominque Azzaro (F)
10. Jean Pierre Younsi (F)

Junior Lights
* Lothar Abend (G)
1. Sven Erik Poulsen (Fin)
2. Ugo Poli (I)
3. Erkki Nikkinen (Fin)
4. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
5. Mario Redi (I)
6. Mario Sanna (I)
7. Miguel Molleda (S)
8. Domingo Jimenez (S)
9. Roland Cazeaux (F)
10. Felix Brami (F)

Bantamweights
* Johnny Clark (GB)
1. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
2. Franco Zurlo (I)
3. Bob Allotey (S)
4. Guy Caudron (F)
5. Tony Sassarini (I)
6. Ferdinando Ripamonti (I)
7. Ambrogio Mariani (I)
8. Luigi Tessarini (I)
9. Antonio Zenza (S)
10. Jacky Bihin (F)

Featherweights
* Gitana Jimenez (S)
1. Jose Legra (S)
2. Elio Cotena (I)
3. Enzo Farinelli (I)
4. Bruno Pieraci (I)
5. Daniel Vermandere (F)
6. Rodolfo Garcia (S)
7. Ramiro Suarez (S)
8. Ramiro Marichal (S)
9. Jose Bisbal (S)
10. Gilles Debret (F)

Flyweights
* Fritz Chervet (Switz)
1. Fernando Atzori (I)
2. Emilio Pireddu (I)
3. Franco Sperati (I)
4. Franco Udella (I)
5. Mariano Garcia (S)
6. Dominique Cesari (F)
7. Giovanni Mura (I)
8. Kid Romero (S)
9. Sanchez Escudero (S)
10. Tarcisio Boi (I)

***European Champion**
Legend: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; Fn Finland; G Germany; GB Great Britain; H Holland; I Italy; L Luxembourg; Ny Norway; S Spain; Sd Switzerland; Sw Sweden; Y Yugoslavia.

ACTION IN EUROPE

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Ikumpayi, Nigeria, eight.

▲**Rimini**—Middleweight Jose Duran, Argentina, outpointed Daniel Letarte, France, eight. Lightweight Giancarlo Usai, outpointed Sadi Saadli, Algiers, eight.

▲**Rome**—Lightweight Enzo Petriglia, decisioned Rocco Zecca, eight. Junior middleweight Antonio Castellini outscored Adriano Rodriguez, Brazil, eight. Featherweight Antonio Realinho, Portugal, beat Teo Corallo who retired with a cut eye in round two.

▲**Arezzo**—Flyweight Franco Sperati beat Giovanni Mura, TKO3.

▲**Milan**—Henelo Ferreira, Argentina, decisioned Albert Amatler, France, eight. Middleweight Ivan Matekovic, Yugoslavia, beat Lawrence Ekpeli, Nigeria, TKO4. Junior middleweight Walter Guernieri decisioned Bruno Fachetti, eight.

▲**Como**—Heavyweight Gino Martinis outscored Gianfranco Giannini, six. Featherweight Giuseppe Agata outpointed Paul Ikumpayi, six.

▲**Padua**—Luciano Sarti won the Italian vacant middleweight title outscoring Sauro Soprani, twelve. Middleweight Gino Freo beat Dusan Kubic who was disqualified in round five.

▲**Milan**—Heavyweight Ennio Cometti and Kevin Isaacs, USA, drew their eight rounder. Featherweight Heleno Ferreira, Argentina, beat Norbert Barriere, France, TKO5.

▲**Nettuno**—Welterweight Antonio Lauri decisioned Giovanni Lamusta, ten.

▲**Naples**—Welterweight Domenico Dilorio outscored Walter Peters, Trinadad, eight. Junior welterweight Ernesto Bergamasco outpointed Giuseppe Minotti, ten. Junior light Franco Diana outscored Carlo Frassinetti, ten. Junior welterweight Giampiero Meru decisioned Italo Duranti, eight.

▲**Viterbo**—Light heavyweight Sergio Jannilli, Italy, beat Pascale DiBenedetto, France, KO4.

▲**Turin**—WBC world junior welterweight champion, Bruno Arcari, Italy, beat Toni Ortiz, Spain, who was disqualified in round eight for butting. Heavyweight Bepi Ros, Italy, beat American, Johnny Gause, in two minutes of the first frame. Miguel Duran, Argentina, beat Lorenzo Nardillo, KO5.

▲**Milan**—Eight thousand saw Ambrogio Mariani win the Italian bantamweight title beating Luigi Tessarini, KO6. Lightweight Antonio Chiodoni beat Giuseppe Carbonara, TKO6. Middleweight Germano Valsecchi beat Flash Peterson, Nigeria, TKO4. Lightweight Giambattista Capretti beat Nicola D'Orazio, KO3.

▲**Milan**—Mario Almanzo decisioned Luis Vinales, Puerto Rico, ten. Light middleweight Damiano Lassandro drew with Walter Guernieri, eight rounds. Light welterweight Efisio Pinna beat Carlos Almeida, Portugal, KO1.

▲**Ancona**—Welterweight Vladimiro Riga outpointed Johnny White, USA, eight. Lightweight Rocco Zecca outscored Augusto Quadri, eight.

FRANCE

▲**Compiegne**—French light heavyweight champion, Jean Claude Capitolin lost his title losing on points to Robert Amory, twelve.

▲**Paris**—Featherweight Jean Pierre Hainault outscored Souleymane Ba, six.

▲**Sedan**—Heavyweight Christian Poncelet beat Antonio Rimasti, KO5.

▲**Nouex**—Lightweight Jean Claude Vanderbregt outpointed Gerard Bok, eight.

▲**Paris**—Middleweight Jean Claude Warusfel decisioned Gerard Noseley, eight.

▲**Annecy**—Welterweight Yves Lefferand decisioned Di Stefeno, six.

▲**Calais**—Lightweight Jean Claude Vanderbregt beat Daniel Ringuer, TKO7. Middleweight Yannick Dufour beat Lionel Mercier, KO1.

▲**Bruay**—Lightweight Theo M. Lemoine outscored Kouider Meftah, eight.

▲**Paris**—Welterweight George Warusfel decisioned Andre Sainseaux, eight.

▲**Compiegne**—Robert Amori outscored Jean Claude Capitolin to win the French light heavyweight title. French flyweight champion Dominque Cesari retained his title drawing with Christian Martin, twelve.

▲**Lyon**—Roger Menetrey, European welterweight champion, beat Clemente Tshinza, Luxembourg, KO2.

▲**Paris**—Six thousand in the Galaxy circus tent saw Jean Claude Bouttier, France, win the European middleweight title beating champion, Elio Calcabrini, Italy, TKO12. Kurt Hombach Germany, lost on points to the French welterweight champion, Jacques van Mellaerts, ten. Klaus Fuchs, Germany, lost on points to Georges Warusel, six. Letarte outscored Vianini, Italy, six. Jacuuuci outpointed Riviere, six.

▲**Maromme**—Middleweight Joel LeGuern beat Albert Menduni, TKO3. Featherweight Daniel Trioulaire beat Ahmed Touel, TKO3.

▲**Hayange**—Middleweight Daniel Martin beat Adisa Sule, KO3.

▲**Marseilles**—Gratien Tonna won the French middleweight crown outpointing champion, Fabio Bettina, twelve. Middleweight Vincent Parra outpointed Oscar Ilunga, eight. Welterweight JEan Pierre Younsi decisioned Antonine Oke, eight. Middleweight Gerard Nosley drew with Eusebio Anani, six.

▲**Vire**—Bantamweight Jackie Bihin beat Isadore Labarbera, TKO2.

▲Rheims—Welterweight Jean Dercle outscored Victor Thorel, eight.

▲**Paris**—Daniel Gonzalez, Argentina, beat Jean Pierre Younsi, France, KO2. Welterweight Germain Lemaitre, France, drew with Arturo Zuniga, Mexico, eight. Middleweight Victor Cabrera Argentina, outscored Michel Chapier, France, six. Jean Claude Warusfel, France, outscored, Walter Peters, Trinadad, six. Featherweight Daniel Trioulaire outscored Christian Levi, four.

▲**Soissons**—Lightweight Ray Dauteuille outscored Ben Said, ten.

▲**Lyon**—Roger Menetrey, France, beat Clemente Tshinza, KO2. Oscar Mendez, Argentina, decisioned Pascal Zito, eight. Lightweight Andre Holyk beat Ali Issaoui, TKO8. Featherweight Albert Amatler beat Roland Cazeaux, TKO4.

▲**Sedan**—Light heavyweight Christian Poncelet outscored Jean Tshikuna, eight.

▲**Douai**—Welterweight George Warusfel decisioned Fred Roelandt, eight.

▲**Paris**—Featherweight Gilles Debert decisioned Jean Pierre Hainault, eight. Lightweight Georges Cotin beat Boualem Fadjeddine who retired in round four.

GERMANY

▲**Berlin**—German middleweight champion, Eckhard Dagge, outpointed Denny Moyer, over ten rounds before a crowd of 7059 in the Deutschlandhalle, Berlin. Middleweight Gray Ibekwe, Nigeria, outscored Francisco Panos, Spain, over four rounds. Light heavyweight Rudi Koopmans, Holland, eight fights without defeat, outpointed Daniel Mahrez, Brazil, all the way and then saw the third man call a halt in his favor with seconds to go of the final round eight. Heavyweight Bernd August, Germany, undefeated in eleven fights, outscored southpaw, Vasco Faustinho, Brazil, over eight rounds. Heavyweight 31 year-old, Avenemar Peralta, Argentina, decisioned the African Gold medal winner, Ngozika Ekwelum, Nigeria, eight rounds.

▲**Cologne**—Frank Reiche won Eckhard Dagge's vacated German middleweight title, kayoing Hans Dieter Schwartz in round three. A crowd of only 1500 were in attendance. A right to the chin ended the fight. Heavyweight Hartmut Sasse halted fellow German, Horst Lang in round two. Heavyweight Bernd August, Germany, beat Italian Pietro Zanola, TKO4. Heavyweight Alberto Santiago Lovell, Argentina, drew with Ngozika Ekwelum, Nigeria, over eight rounds. Middleweight Gray Ibekwe, Nigeria, decisioned Wolfgang Gans, eight rounds.

▲**Vienna**—Middleweight Franz Csandl, Austria, beat Domenico Tiberia, Italy, TKO2. Welterweight Esperno Postl, Austria, decisioned Kurt Hombach, Germany six.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Geneva**—Welterweight Walter Blaser, Switzerland, outscored Adriano Rodriguez, Bralil, ten.

DENMARK

▲**Randers**—Welterweight Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, decisioned Petro Ceru, Italy, eight. Light heavyweight Tom Jensen, Denmark, beat Dino Tarocco, Italy, KO4. Middleweight Paul Knudsen, Denmark, decisioned Roberzo Bisotti, Italy, six. Junior middleweight Laurits Jensen, Denmark, outscored Carmine Marino, Italy, four.

▲**Copenhagen**—Lightweight Ken Buchanan, Britain, outpointed Jose Peterson, Puerto Ricom, ten. Light heavyweight Tom Bogs, Denmark, beat Eddie Owens, USA, who was disqualified in round five. Light welterweight Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, outscored Des Morrison, Britain, eight. Erkki Meronen, Finland, beat Min Ko Whan, Korea, KO6. Light heavyweight Tom Jensen, Denmark, beat Alejandro Cardoso, Portugal, KO2. Middleweight Laurits Jensen, Denmark, beat Giampaola Piras, Italy, KO2.

HOLLAND

▲**Rotterdam**—Fighting Mack, Holland, former European champion, outscored Manuel Gonzalez, Texas, over ten rounds. The 3,500 crowd in the Sportpalast enjoyed one of the most exciting bouts seen for many a long day.

SPAIN

▲**Zaragoza**—Lightweight Perico Fernandez beat Guillermo Perez, KO3. Fernando Perez decision Felix Romero, eight.

▲**Barcelona**—Jose Urtain, Spain, outscored Adriano Rosati, Italy, ten. European featherweight champion, Gitano Jimenez, Spain, outscored Paul Ikumpayi, Nigeria, eight. Lightweight Jonathan Dele decisioned Henri Nesi, France, eight. Nino Jimenez beat Humberto Mascarell, Brazil, KO6.

MONTANA WHIPS BORKORSOR IN BIG MEXICAN UPSET

By EDUARDO AMER G.

Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — In a big upset Saul Montana (Saul Munoz Medina), 119, of Acapulco, bested former world flyweight champion Venice Borkorsor, 118, of Thailand, in ten rounds. In another upset, newcomer from Colombia, Jose Bernardo Prada, 129, who only had 9 pro fights, easily whipped Jesus "Mortero" Alonso, 130, in ten. Ernesto Herrera, 124, bombed Martin Pina, 124, in one. Herminio "Loba" Ramirez, 154, decisioned Miguel Hernandez, 158, in 10. Sabino Villaneuva, 181, technically stopped Memo Vargas, 187, in 8.

▲**Merida, Yucatan** — Miguel Canto, 112, Mexican flyweight king, halted Tony Moreno, 111, of Texas, in the fifth round. Canto also floored Moreno in the third round. Adolfo Sangeado, 133, and Panchito Solorio, 132, drew in ten. Chucho Loria, 112, beat Kid Valente, 112, in eight. And Jose Alamilla, 120, TKO'ed Raul Franco, 121, in four.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — "Cubanito" Hernandez, 117, outpunched Francisco "Cuyo" Tovar, 118, in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Jose Torres, 125, TKO'ed Tomas Frias, 125, in tenth and last round. Antonio Nava, 123, TKO'ed Antonio Lopez, 124, in three. Roberto Gomez, 112, TKO'ed Roberto Valenzuela, 111, in 4. Martin Valencia, 111, won from Arturo Patino, 111, in six.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Manuel "Botas" Gomez, 126, defeated Juan de la Rosa, 125, in ten.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Francisco "Trompo" Marquez, 112, outpointed Chano Rodriguez, 112, in 10. Guillermo "Memin" Becerra, 119, whipped Mariano Chavez, 118, in ten.

▲**Tonala, Chiapas** — Gaby Morgan, 132, beat Raul Cruz, 129, in ten.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Manuel Elizondo, 156, knocked out Manuel "Loco" Torres, 153, in two.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Salvador Torres, 126, outscored Francisco "Yata" Durando, 125, of Colombia, in ten. Antonio Kiris, 117, bested Raul Tirado, 118, in ten. Juan Diaz, 120, gained Evodio Ortiz, 119, in eight.

▲**Los Mochis, Sinaloa** — Manuel "Cochul" Montiel, 112, embalmed Beto Valenzuela, 113, in six.

▲**San Andres Tuxtla, Veracruz** — Jorge Altamirano, 116, TKO'ed "Tanque" Arroyo, 117, in tenth and last round.

▲**Buctzotz, Yucatan** — "Changa" Munoz, 116, lost to Melin Castillo, 116, in 8.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Cesar Deciga, 118, bested Rogelio Lara, 119, in 10. Juan Antonio Lopez, 124, kayoed Paco Sanchez, 125, in seven.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Max Sanchez, 117, KO'ed Juan Ordonez, 118, in five. "Canelo" Salinas, 124, TKO'ed Alfredo Martinez, 124, in six. Chucho Hernandez, 126, TKO'ed Isidro Ocampo, 125, in the very first round. Sergio Martinez, 111, and Joel Valdez, 110, in six.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalicso** — Jose Pozos, 125, technically stopped Pedro Jimenez, 124, in four. Alejandro Agosto, 127, iced Rolando Martinez, 127, in one.

▲**Matamoros, Tamaulipas** — Carlos Zarate, 113, polished off Carlos "Potrillo" Armenta, 114, in one. Roberto "Chino" Wong, 125, nailed Pancho Silva, 126, in 3.

▲**Navojoa, Sonora** — Juan "Cachorro" Medina, Mexican lightweight champion, 135, gained a booed decision from Mario Servin, 134, in ten.

▲**Aguascalientes** — Lalo Cuadros, 114, stopped "Chamaco" Limon, 113, in nine.

▲**Ciudad Delicias, Chihuahua** — Raul Delgado, 159, flattened Alex Olguin, 158, in 8 and retained national middleweight title. Fito Paredes, 157, destroyed Beto Castillo, 155, in one. Jose Figueroa, 143, kayoed Filia de los Santos, 142, in 3.

▲**Mexicali, Baja California** — Gerardo Ferrat, 136, decisioned Juan Collado, 135, of Dominican Republic, 135, in 10. Alfonso Zamora, 117, TKO'ed Fili Castro, 117, in three. Mario Marquez, 135, and Manuel Leal, 135, drew in ten.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Leo Palacios, 111, bested Martin "Buchanan" Garcia, 111, in ten. Julio Leal, 125, lost to David Garcia, 124, in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Chucho Almazan, 134, won by a disqualification over Jose Luis Hernandez, 134, in six. Juan Oropeza, 134, defeated Jose Luis Hernandez, 133, in 8.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Jesus "Papelero" Estrada, Mexican featherweight champion, 127, TKO'ed Malaithon Sitkhoon, 128, of Thailand, in five. Juan Jose Guzman, 111, beat Jesus Cuica, 111, in 10. Salvador Lozano, 118, lost to Alfonso Ibarra, 117, in 10. Juan Zarate, 112, decisioned Chano Rodriguez, 112, in 10. Humberto Alcala, 118, outscored Carlos Flores, 118, in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Valentin "Duende" Martinez, 114, easily outpointed Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 111, in ten. Julio Cruz, 119, technically stopped Goyo Martinez, 119, in seven.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Antonio Leon, 117, TKO'ed Memo Ortiz, 117, in six.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Lupe Romero, 112, whipped Santos "Cora" Rodriguez, 112, in ten.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Jose Luis Meza, 130, TKO'ed Francisco Angelito, 132, in 8. Juan Alvarez, 111, TKO'ed Francisco "Borrero" Palacios, 111, in six. Leo "Cuervo" Castellanos, 110, beat Silverio Perez, 111, in 8.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Francisco "Trompo" Marquez, 112, TKO'ed Atanasio Delgado, 112, in three.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — Eduardo Limon, 117, TKO'ed Victor Rodriguez, 116, in four.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Manuel Mendoza, 119, and Carlos Mendoza, 119, ofPanama, fought a no contest bout. The end came in the seventh round. Rafael "Bazzoka" Limon, 123, TKO'ed Chamaco Casanova, 124, in seven. Felipe Gallegos, 111, defeated Adolfo Aguilar, 112, in 8. Samuel Machorro, 114, put Andres Velazquez, 113, to sleep in the sixth round.

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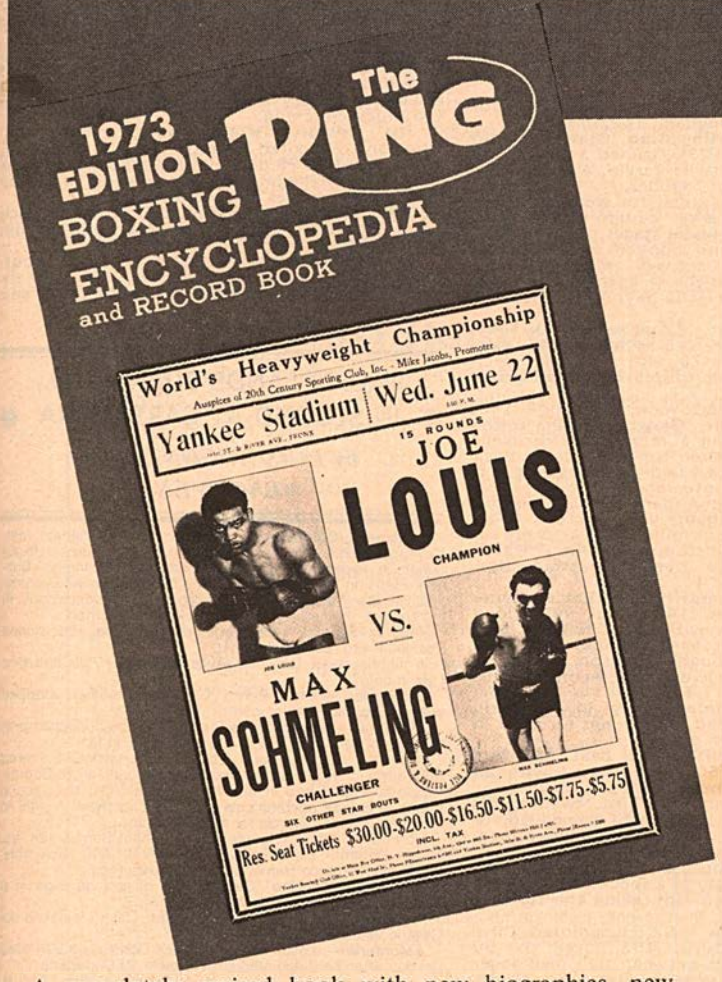

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BRITISH ISLES

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Wallace clowned his way through this one, with Johnson concentrating on the job and getting home with jabs and hooks. The American made things easier for Bunny, coming forward and inviting his opponent to hit him, an invitation that was accepted with alacrity.

When a late substitute is required, you never know what you are going to expect. In this case Wallace wasn't quite the man for the job.

American heavyweight Jimmy Young, 199½, carried too much ammunition for Richard Dunn, Bradford, 214, the referee intervening in the eighth of their scheduled ten-rounder after Dunn had been down three times and was cut above the left eye and had a swelling below the right eye.

Up to the seventh Dunn had been doing well with his southpaw right jabs, and he was driving his man back, keeping him on the defensive.

But in the following round a right hand put Dunn on the canvas for seven, and he took two more counts before referee Sid Nathan stopped it.

A set-back for Dunn, striving to get back in the British title hunt, especially as Young could only draw with Billy Aird on his first appearance in this country. Dun had no excuses, but explained that he missed a week's training because of influenza.

The members cheered throughout an exciting contest in which Sid Paddock, Southampton, 197, drew with John Celebanski, Bradford, 198, over eight "twos."

These two never stopped punching, although inevitably the pace had slowed by the final round. Paddock did well early on, but Celebanski rallied well, and it was a fair and popular result.

Their rewards were £40 each in nobbins, an extra £25 from Ladbrokes the bookmakers, and a week's free holiday from Fred Pontin, owner of one of the top chain of holiday camps.

Tony Mikulski, Portsmouth, 226, was too heavy and punched too hard for David Fry, Bournemouth, 210, the bout being stopped in the third.

Civic Hall, Wolverhampton—Larry Paul, British light-middleweight champion, chalked up his 13th successive victory by knocking out Mickey Flynn, Manchester, after 2min 47sec of the first round. Both were inside the stipulated weight in this non-title affair.

Southpaw Flynn threw a few light jabs, but Paul brushed them aside to score with lefts to the body then left hooks to the head, one of which had Flynn down for five.

As he rose another left decked him for seven, and on rising he was met with a barrage of blows that put him down again. This time he grabbed Paul by the legs and pulled him down too, but the champion quickly got up. Flynn didn't.

Former British featherweight champion Jimmy Revie, 127¼, Stockwell, served notice that he is ready to win back his old crown by outpointing Bingo Crooks, Wolverhampton, 128, over eight by 79-77½.

Southpaw Revie was in complete control, jabbing his way to a substantial lead, and overcoming the handicap of a cut under the right eye, and one on the forehead in the later stages.

Crooks boxed well on occasion, but took a few rights to the body that slowed him up, and Revie put in a strong finish to clinch it.

Kenny Webber, Manchester, 148½, won every round in outpointing Joe Yekinni, Nigeria, 156, over eight by 80-76.

Although outclassed Yekinni was never floored, and earned applause for a game display. Webber was impressive.

Billy Baggott, Birmingham, 172, was good value for his points win over Dave Nelson, Wolverhampton, 168, in their six-rounder by 59-58½.

Nelson was down in the first, but rallied well in a good crowd-pleaser.

Ray Holdcroft, Stoke, 136½, stopped Ken Singlewood, Alfreton, 136½, in four, overcoming a cut above the left eye. Singleton wasn't floored, but was in plenty of trouble when the referee intervened.

Anglo-American Sporting Club, Southend—Substitute Angus McMillan, Glasgow, 140, stopped Danny Fearon, Liverpool, 137, who was retired by his corner at the end of the first round when he complained of pains in the head.

Fearon has been decked twice.

Dave Coombs, Halifax, 140, drew with Kevin Evans, Holloway, 136, over six. A fair result.

Dave Mullins, Harrow, 166½, stopped Bob Murphy, Manchester, 164, in the second, the latter cut over the left eye and bleeding from the nose.

Charlie Small, St. Pancras, 160, kept busy to outscore Batman Austin, Tottenham, 162, by 60-57 over six. Small got an early lead, Austin rallied to narrow the gap, but not quite enough.

St. Helens—Jeff Gale Leeds, 146½, remains undefeated after outpointing Tony Poole, Northampton, 147, by 79-78½ over eight "twos." However, no one would have grumbled if the result had been a draw.

An excellent bout, plenty for the fans to enthuse over, and Gale made his play early on, jabbing well with an accurate left and generally proving the busier.

But as Poole warmed up, so did Gale's lead decrease, and Poole's two-handed attacked had his man in trouble, especially in the final session, when Gale went down for, four, more for a rest than from a hard punch.

John Laine, Grimsby, 161½, outscored Charlie Richardson, Liverpool, 161, over six by 59-58. Richardson was decked for six in the final session.

Tim McHugh, Liverpool, 156, made it four in a row as a pro by stopping Dave Moore, Grimsby, 156½, the referee intervening just as the bell ended the third round because of a cut by Moore's left eye.

George Salmon, Stoke, 148, drew with Al Stewart, Burscough, 148¾, over eight "twos," with southpaw Stewart getting cut over the left eye in the sixth. Both went down once, and both got up before a count could be started.

Manor Place Baths, London—Pat McCormack, Brixton, 143, had one of the easiest wins of his career, knocking out Vasco Armstrong, Nigeria, 144½, in 2min. 30sec. of the first round.

Armstrong stands 6ft. 1in., tall for his weight, but was no match for Irish-born McCormack. In spite of running and holding as the occasion demanded Armstrong was slowed up by body punches and eventually floored for nine.

On rising he was floored again, this time for the full count.

Alan Salter, Peckham, 143½, impressed after a four-month lay-off to stop Dennis Harbon, Bradford, 146, in the third. Harbon was floored three times.

Tony Mikulski, Portsmouth, 220, used his weight to advantage in outpointing Harold James, West Ham, 153½, over six "twos," by 59½-58½, but many thought James deserved at least a draw for his forcing tactics.

Brian Gregory, Doncaster, 148, outpointed Jim Devanney, Bradford, 149, by 79½-78 over eight "twos," but it looked closer than the scoreline suggests. Both were cut around the eyes in a cracking fight.

Mick Lock, Croydon, 163, knocked out Mickey Walker, Nottingham, 162, in two.

St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow—John Mitchell, Kirkcaldy, 123¼, gained a convincing point victory over Charlie Parvin, Wishaw, 120, by 79-77 in their eight-rounder.

Mitchell showed a thirst for work from the opening bell, and Parvin couldn't keep pace with him, tiring in the later stages.

Mitchell jabbed and hooked well with his left, and crossed effectively with his right. Parvin was floored in the seventh and again in the eighth to put the issue beyond doubt from Mitchell.

Barton McAllister, Clapham, 140, outpointed Herbie McLean, Edinburgh, 141, over eight "twos" by 78½-78. Not a popular decision, especially as McAllister had been down twice.

Substitute Les McGowan, Liverpool, 183, stopped Jim Gilmour, Glasgow, 182, in the second round, making a remarkable recovery after being floored three times, to come back and deck his man with a two-gloved assault that caused the referee to intervene.

Gilmour got too confident and left himself open. McGowan said thank you.

Gerry Duffy, Dunfermline, 129½, made an impressive debut by stopping John O'Rawe, Belfast, 133, in the opening session after flooring him twice.

Sophia Gardens, Cardiff—Experienced Derek Simpson, Kilmarnock, 146½, put up a good performance to draw with Brian Jones, Croesern, 144, over eight hard rounds, and there were those who thought Simpson was a bit unlucky not to become only the second man to beat Jones.

Simpson boxed intelligently in the early stages to build up a lead, then Jones forced it in the later stages to even matters.

Pat Thomas, Cardiff, 149½, beat substitute Des Rea, Belfast, 150, who retired with an injured left knee, at the end of the fourth.

Rea went down in the third, twisting his knee in the process. He gamely carried on for another round, during which he again slipped, but the pain was too severe to continue.

Thomas was on top against a man who had come to the hall purely as a spectator, and who is to be congratulated on taking the fight at such short notice.

Liam White, Wells, 152, outpointed Clive Collins, Llantwit Major, 156, over six by 59½-59. A good bout between two men eager for action. Collins was taller and had a longer reach, but White was the more accurate. Both were warned for hitting and holding.

Alun Trembarth, Tonyrefail, 127, stopped debutant Tony Fourweather, Combran, 126½, in the last of a scheduled six "twos," and won himself a trophy for the Best Performance Of The Night.

Trembarth came from behind the floor his man in the fourth, for eight, and never let up after that, decking Fourweather again in the fifth, and causing the referee to stop the action in the last session.

Fourweather is being tutored by former World featherweight champion Howard Winstone, and showed a lot of skill in the early stages, with neat jabs, and hooks. He need not be disheartened.

This show was held to aid Cardiff bantamweight Joey Deriu, who collapsed during a contest and was in hospital for some time. From various projects arranged by the Welsh Area Council, including this promotion, it is anticipated that over £1,000 will be raised for Deriu.

National Sporting Club, London—A return to winning form by former welter contender Les Pearson, Pontefract, 149½, who survived a fierce assault to outscore Charlie Cooper, Southampton, 155, over eight by 79-78½.

Pearson was cut by the right eye in the fifth, but by then had got on top with solid blows to head and body. Cooper's nose bled, and he looked in trouble in the fourth, but kept going to bring the best out of Pearson.

Henry Rhiney, Luton, 151¼, outscored John Smith, Glasgow, 156½, over eight "twos" by 80-78. Rhiney was in command throughout, able to vary his attack against a man who relied on defense.

Tony Blackburn, Tonyrefail, 185½, kept his unbeaten record by "knocking out" Steve Walker, Wolverhampton, 182½, who was counted out in the fifth when his right knee gave out and he fell on his back, unable to rise.

Blackburn was in front, using his superior height to outjab his opponent and keep it at long range. Walker thus had to get to close-quarters, and did so at times with good effect.

Ray Thorogood, Cardiff, 151, outscored Mick Evans, Bournemouth, 154¾, over six "twos" by 59½-58½. Thorogood broke an indifferent run and deserved his win, but the bout was marred by too much holding.

Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham—Clive Hogben, Kettering, 125, comfortably outpointed Dave Tuohey, Leeds, 128, by 79-77½ over eight, but it wasn't a fight to be remembered.

Southpaw Hogben, kayoed in one round last time out, was the more accurate, keeping his opponent on the end of his right jab, and although Tuohey was willing enough, there was too much clinching.

Joe Gregory, Kings Cross, 162½, convincingly outscored Arthur Winfield, Draycott, 162½, by 79½-78 over eight. Gregory overcame a swelling by the left eye to outjab his man, and Winfield's face was marked at the close.

John Laine, Grimsby, 157, stopped Mick Lock, Croydon, 162, in five after flooring him four times.

Kevin Evans, Hemel Hempstead, 135, outscored Dave Wraxall, Manchester, 136, over six by 59-58. Wraxall was decked in the third, and did well to survive.

VALDEZ LANDS BURNS, U.S., IN SECOND AT CARTAGENA

by LUIS A. GONZALEZ (LAGOVEN)

Cartagena, Colombia — Rodrigo "Rocky" Valdez, middleweight contender No. 1, defeated Ernie Burns, United States, in second round at the "Cartagena de Indias" Bullring. Burns, in the first, brought on a cut over the left eyebrow of Colombian Valdez. Burns was floored on two occasions. In the second, the furious Valdez knocked out his man.

Roberto Suarez, lightweight, of Colombia, decisioned Edesio Molero, Venezuela, in 10.

In middle class, Bonifacio Avila, Colombia, defeated Don Lutz in one.

Undefeated Alfonso Perez, Colombian feather, stopped veteran Eliodoro Pitalua, in 4.

▲**Bogota** — Hernan Torres Prens, Colombian ex-champion lightweight, disposed of Julio Pena, Bogota, in ten.

In middle class, Gregorio Arboleda, Buenaventura, scored a third round knockout over southpaw Miguel Garcia, Bogota. Arboleda looked bad in the early rounds. After the second round, Arboleda opened cuts over Garcia's eyes. A right to the head dropped Garcia for a count of ten.

Ivo Lopez, 121 9/10, outpointed Abraham Bernal, 124 4/5, in six. Roberto "Rosangelina" Lopez, 110 7/10, Colombia, decisioned Orlando Hernandez, 112, Costa Rica.

Francisco "Boogaloo" Castro, 123, gained decision in 8 over Fernando "Zurdo" Bustos, 125 7/10.

In another card, the same "Boogaloo" Castro knocked out Gliserio Velasco in the first.

▲**Monteria** — Local feather, Samuel Gomez, had an easy payday when he outpointed Desio Rovira, of Cartagena.

Local bantam, Luis Zuniga, beat Alfonso Cobas, TKO 6. Milton Mendez and Enrique Higgins drew in ten.

Bantam Jaime Amaya, Barranquilla, stopped Robinson Herrera, substitute for Enrique Pinto.

Bernardo Caraballo, feather champion of Colombia, iced Vicente Borrel, of Panama, in the fourth round. Borrel tired on the canvas without blows.

Cipriano "Barbulito" Zuluaga, knocked out "Policia" Herrera; Ivo Lopez outpointed Nelson Torres in six and Luis Zuniga kayoed Edgardo Cuadrado in the eighth.

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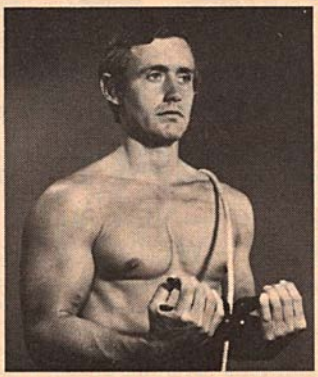

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CERVANTES KNOCKS OUT KOREAN

CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA – Antonio "Kid Pambele" Cervantes, of Colombia, retained his junior welterweight title when he knocked out South Korean challenger Chang-Kil Lee in the sixth of their scheduled 15-rounder.

Lee was floored by a straight right to the chin midway through the sixth round. He struggled to his knees at the count of eight but could not make it to his feet.

Cervantes was the aggressor from the outset. Lee used good footwork to keep out of range in the first two rounds, but the champion started to get to him from the third onwards.

ALONG THE VBA TRAIL

By SCOOP GALLELLO
International VBA President

Lou Handler, former prexy of IVBA Ring #32 of Detroit, recently suffered a heart seizure, and is confined to Michigan General Hospital. Lou was a former boxer and a well known promoter around the Detroit area.

Tony Galento, former heavyweight, who once had the great Joe Louis on the deck, is recuperating after surgery on a leg.

Jack Dempsey, the old Manassa Mauler, is in Jewish Memorial Hospital undergoing tests to determine what ails him.

Jimmy Burns, brother of former N.Y. ringster Petey Burns, recently passed away.

Ring #11, of Hartford, Conn. has set either May 18 or May 25th as the date for annual banquet. Recent election of officers came up with this slate: Pres.-Billy Kowalczyk; 1st. V.P.-Billy Kearns; 2nd. V.P.-Dick Jean; 3rd. V.P.-Red Doty; 4th. V.P.-Frankie Roche; 5th. V.P.-Mike Fisher; Rec. Sec'y-Al Dupont; S'gt At Arms-Ronnie Roy, Joe Ryan Lizak and Bat Battalino; Goodwill Ambassador-Willie Pep and Chaplains-Father Kennedy and Father Berry.

Rose Lagamme, member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the IVBA and on the staff at Jewish Memorial Hospital, recently celebrated a birthday. Rose is a great worker for the underprivileged as well as for veteran boxers.

Mrs. Shaw, wife of former heavyweight Mickey Shaw, was recently released from Jewish Memorial Hospital.

Rocky Rossano, former fighter, from Brooklyn who now resides in Highland Falls, N.Y. recently released from the hospital after an accident.

The state of Connecticut which for many years has had the referee as the sole judge of a boxing bout, may soon make a change and adopt a two judges and referee status.

Rings #56 of Syracuse and #26 of Schenectady have been sanctioned to promote amateur bouts.

November 2 is the date of the annual banquet of #26, honoring former champions Tony Zale, Lou Ambers and Sammy Angott. Contact chairman Tony Messina at R.D.#1-Middle Grove, N.Y. for tickets.

Birthday congrats are in order for Irv Silverman, age 64; Kenny "Broadway" Sheahan-60; Tony Judycki-age 43; Eddie Desmond-42; Bill Corraza-age 60 and former flyweight king Corporal Izzy Schwartz who has reached the 75th milestone.

Angelo Meola, better known in his fistic days as "Ace Dundee" has been appointed as chairman of public relations for #101 of Baltimore.

Harry K. Wall, ardent member of #50 of Honolulu, has been appointed charity coordinator in that area. Dr. Richard W. You-president of the U.S. Olympians of the Hawaii chapter, recently congratulated Harry on his fund raising programs to build a clubhouse in that area for amateur boxers, and promoting amateur sports in Hawaii.

#101 of Baltimore held a dinner-dance on St. Patrick's Day at Polish Hall honoring "The Fighting Finazzo" brothers, Sam, Jackie, Victor, Joey, Johnnie and Eddie. These former ringsters were once cited in Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" as the only six brothers to be simultaneously active as boxers. They fought as both amateurs and professionals during the 1930's thru the 1950's.

Charlie Wallace, former pugilist from Montclair, N.J. will make a goodwill trip to Hawaii in August to visit members of #50.

Danny Sabia, former prexy of #30 of Westchester County, recently returned from Florida.

Tommy "Tom Tom" D'Attilo, former hard punching middleweight from New Rochelle, N.Y. was recently married, residing in Rego Park, N.Y.

Joe Kane, veteran boxer from #21 of Brooklyn, is ill in Veterans Hospital, Brooklyn.

Sammy Venti, former battler, from #21 has again been elected president of the World Boxing Historians Association.

Jimmy O'Gatty, former welter and middleweight contender, and brother of the late Packey O'Gatty is living in Hollywood, Calif. and earns his living as a sculptor.

Recent election of #101 of Baltimore saw Vince Scala back as president.

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INSIDE THE ROPES

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and honorable person. He yelled "Are you refereeing tonight?" "No," I said "I'm going to meet my wife, we're going to a movie. To make my bluff good I got off the highway at 40th Street, pulled over to the curb and sat there for about fifteen minutes. I then proceeded up the highway and to the ballpark. I was embarrassed soon after I got into the ring for sitting directly in front of me was the justice who asked me if I was refereeing tonight. We both smiled.

I have never ventured an opinion on a forthcoming fight for the simple reason that it could be me who got the refereeing assignment.

Once in the Madison Square Garden lobby on a fight night, I was approached by a manager who said he requested that I be the referee upstate next week when his fighter was due to engage in a fight. I said, "Why did you do that? I don't protect anyone." He took exception to this. He said, "I'm not asking for favors. I've got an important piece of property and I want to see that he gets a square deal. I found my way to the ringside and informed the commissioner that my company was sending me out of town all next week.

Another time, I was upstate for Schenley Distillers and was accompanied by one of our representatives who happened to be a friend of mine. We were making a tour of our clients. One place we stopped seemed to be headquarters for a sporting group.

The first question asked of me, "Do you think Joe Giambria will beat Gil Turner." They were all waiting for my answer. "I can't say, I never saw Giambria box," I replied.

"But you must have heard about him?" somebody asked. Sure I said, I hear he's pretty good." Well, the fellow said, "I'm going to bet pretty good on this one, I think Giambria is real good." My companion saw I was uneasy and he said, "fellers, we've got quite a few stops to make." We left. "I'm sorry, my friend said, they're all nice guys and they love to bet on fights. This was on a Tuesday. I was back home Thursday night. Friday afternoon the Commission called, my wife answered, and when asked as to my being available to referee this night she replied as I told her to, "Ruby is out of town."

I'll end with what I think is a joke. Did you hear about the fighter who said, "I had my opponent running, but it was after me."

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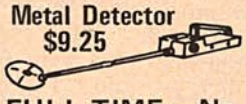

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BOLDEN'S ALE DIET LIFTED HIM INTO WINNING COLUMN

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needed confidence and had to learn to relax."

Bolden said he moved to the Northwest "because I had relatives in Portland, and because I checked the ratings and records of Portland fighters like Denny Moyer, Andy Kendall, and Ray Lampkin. Then, I found out that Mike managed Kendall and Lampkin, so I called Mike.

"This is like a new life for me."

Al is the second oldest of seven boys and a girl born to Charles H. Bolden, and was first taken to a boxing gym by his father at the age of 18.

"It was East Liberty Gym in Pittsburgh, and I remember it smelled like a football locker room. The only face in that gym I knew was my uncle, Bob Baker.

"After two hours of watching six or seven fighters and my uncle, I decided I wanted to box. The science of boxing and beauty of body contact, hand-wise, has always excited me since that first day."

A year later, Al had his first fight—in the Pittsburgh Allegheny Mountain Association amateur tournament. He knocked out his first-night opponent in one minute. His opponent in the finals the next night never showed up.

In March, 1965, Bolden joined the Navy "because, mostly, my recruiter in Pittsburgh told me there was a place in the Navy for fighters."

However, it was a year before Bolden got the opportunity to compete, and he won the middleweight title and most outstanding boxer award in Charleston, where he was based. Al then entered the all-East Coast championships in 1967, at Norfolk, losing in the finals.

"I must have gotten about 5,000 laughs, from seaman to captain, when I got back," Bolden recalled ruefully. "I'm a Cancer in astrology, you know, and Cancers are showoffs. They like a crowd. So in losing, I was highly embarrassed, but just as highly determined."

Bolden then received a berth on the All-Navy boxing team "mostly because I lied," he said, smiling.

"Dick Pettigrew was the coach, and he asked me, 'How many fights you had?' and I said, 'Oh, 20.'

"You know, I only had three, not 20," Bolden said, smiling again, "but I wanted that so bad."

But Al lived up to his lie.

He captured the All-Service championship in 1968—the only member of the all-Navy team to win a title that year—and the laughing stopped.

The All-Service crown qualified Bolden for the 1968 Olympic Trials at Maumee, Ohio.

"I fought Al 'Tiger' Jones from Detroit for the championship," Bolden recalled. "I lost what people said was the 'best fight of the night' by one point after having Jones down in the second round with a right hand. I'll never forget, either, that we had a standing ovation that lasted 20 minutes. . .and there was 5,000 people there!

"Later that night I was told that I was selected as an alternate and would go to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where the U.S. team would do its final training. I worked with Al Jones every day and we even fought once again—oddly with the same type of fight, second-round knockdown and one-point decision as in the Trials in Ohio."

Bolden came that close to going to the Mexico City Olympics.

In 1969 he successfully defended his All-Service title by decisioning Jesse Reed in San Diego, Calif. A month later, in April, Bolden was discharged from the Navy despite Pettigrew's protests. "Nothing doing," Al replied. "I'm going home to turn pro."

Bolden then returned to Pittsburgh, turning pro "without a contract." He won his first two fights, then moved to Piney Point, Md., where he joined Pappy Gault's stable.

"Pappy was my coach in the Olympic Trials," Al pointed out. "But he was a very busy person and after seven or eight months with him, and only three fights, I joined Bob Foster's stable as his chief sparring partner."

Billy Edwards, Foster's trainer, once told Al that the champ "never took to any fighter like he took to you."

"Bob Foster and I had a relationship that went far beyond the gym," Bolden said. "I'm not afraid of him now; I just respect him both inside and outside the ring because he is such a great, great champion and has been for what, seven years now?"

Al Bolden's world began closing in on him "mentally, financially, domestically, not to mention socially," so in July of 1970 he left Foster's camp and moved back to Pittsburgh. But then, with only four fights under his first contract manager, Judge Frank Dupree, Bolden talked on the phone to his cousin and her husband, who had moved to the Northwest.

"They talked and talked about how beautiful Portland was, and how much slower and more peaceful it was out there," he said.

So, on Nov. 27, 1972, after making his calls to Morton ("Yeah, I really paid for them," Bolden laughed), Al boarded a plane for Portland.

"I've been through a lot," he said. "Divorce. . .the whole bit. But I have a son eight years old and I'm trying to become something so I can help with his education."

That should pose no problem.

Because when Bolden arrived in Portland, he was sparring partner for Andy Kendall, then ranked No. 1 light heavyweight contender.

Now, however, Kendall spends most of his days in the gym being Bolden's sparring partner.

"I always wanted somebody getting ME ready for Foster," Al Bolden laughed.

FELIX RETIRING, SAYS LISTON LOST TITLE THROUGH TRAINING INJURY

Quitting his affiliation with sports, after having been active in many phases since his scholastic days, when he captured the 50 yard dash, Barney Felix, who plied his fistic ability in New York, New Jersey, Miami Beach and elsewhere, has decided to recall some of his historic experiences.

Barney has no regrets and besides his affiliation with sports, especially boxing, was Company Commander and Physical Fitness officer in the United States Navy, his headquarters being at the Farragut Naval Training Station, in Idaho.

His outstanding story is the one surrounding Sonny Liston, when he was heavyweight champion, and explained some things that happened in the first fight with Cassius Clay, when the title holder retired while sitting in his corner after the challenger himself was in distress in the fifth round. Barney said he accidentally became acquainted with Liston while he was working at the Doral Health Club in Miami Beach.

Felix decided to tell the story of Sonny's woes, now that he has called it a day. . .Felix explained that the champ had suffered torn ligaments while training but he was ready for defense of his crown. . .But Sonny insisted that he wouldn't go into the ring against Clay unless he was the referee. . .Barney then explained the incident of Clay's trouble in the fifth round. He claimed there was linament in his eyes coming from Liston's gloves.

Barney attributed the champ's chucking his crown was due to the torn ligaments. Felix added he didn't think too highly of Clay then but later on, after watching him in his first setto with Joe Frazier, believes if Cassius had gone into the Army he could have very well become the greatest and most popular champion in history. . .Felix added Clay was the fastest heavyweight he ever saw.

That's the big sports story with which Felix was associated but he has plenty of others to tell. . .However, be that as it may, Barney Felix is leaving behind one of the most remarkable records as far as the sports world goes. . .His various phases of sports, including basketball background and association with health farms and the years he spent as supervisor of Park Operations, even being a judge at harness racing at Yonkers and Roosevelt Raceway, is something fabulous and all taking place within a short period of 58 years.

That's only part of Barney Felix's sports background. . .But what is there more to add. . .Now he's going to take it easy and live with his memories, his forty years affiliation with the Marquis of Queensberry sport.

Good luck, Barney Felix, from The Ring gang and the sports world.

COOPER STOPS SILVA IN FOURTH AT SALT LAKE

By JIM CARROLL

Salt Lake City, Utah — Ranked middleweight George Cooper of Oakland, California made his first start of 1974 a successful one stopping Manuel Silva, of Mexico in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-rounder before 1,340 fans at Salt Lake City's Fairgrounds Coliseum.

Cooper opened a cut above his rival's left eye early in the first stanza, then beat his Mexican opponent at his own game—in-fighting—until dropping him for the count at 1:30 of the fourth heat. It was the only knockdown of the fight!

In a crowd pleaser that brought fans to their feet repeatedly, Salt Lake City featherweight Richie Alvarado took a razor edge decision from Simon Fortanel of Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico.

It was the first state-side fight for the scrappy, 19-year-old Fortanel and Alvarado's first hometown pro appearance after a four year campaign in such diverse locales as Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Honolulu. Fortanel opened strong but was decked by the stronger Alvarado in the third round. Several times thereafter it appeared that the Utah fighter was near a knockout win, but each time the game Mexican battler escaped.

Steve St. Charles, a Flint, Michigan welterweight now fighting out of Hayward, California took a six round decision from Mexico's Rogoberto Ramirez.

And in a real crowd-pleasing middleweight slugfest, Oakland's Joe Gonsalvez registered a vicious two round kayo over Jesus Careaga, after himself being stung heavily in both of the first two rounds of the scheduled six.

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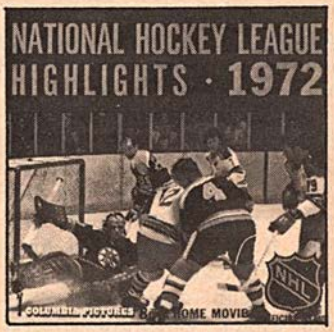

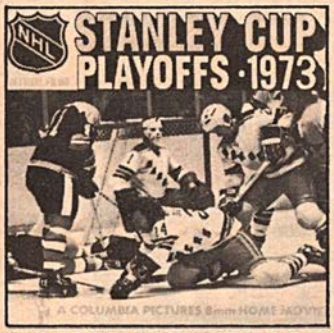

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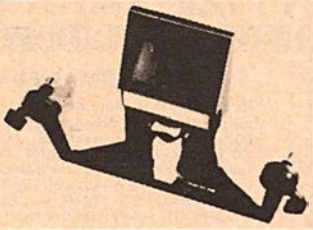

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WEPNER, VIRUET, ANTUOFERMO VICTORS IN GARDEN TRIPLE

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looked as if he might be in for a surprise. . .Randy started being the aggressor and there was plenty of mauling and cuffing. Both men were warned by Referee Arthur Mercante. The arbiter looked as if he were the battler.

Wepner's left eye looked near closing. He's generally the one who is a bleeder. . . However, one thing about Wepner you have to say, he stands up under punishment and never backed away from the lunges of his rival, albeit he wasn't registering as to points. . .

Neumann made one mistake in his final attack when he suffered a severe gash alongside his left eye and the blood oozed freely when the bell rang. Randy claimed it was a battle. This brought Dr. A. Harry Kleinman, who gave the cut the once over and then advised the referee to call a halt, giving Wepner a six round t.k.o.

Wepner, who is durable and never flinches even when lambasted, said after the fight he didn't want to meet Neumann again, claiming he was a dirty fighter. .

The scoring of the officials up to the time of the scrap was 5-1-4-2 and 4-2 in favor of Neumann. We also had the loser in front the first five rounds.

The opening ten, a lightweight shindig between Edwin Viruet, Bronx, 135 pounds, and Vilomar Fernandez, Manhattan, 134¼, was the closest of the night, as far as action went. Fernandez started like a ball of fire and looked like he might upset his foe, who was taller and had the longer reach. . . Fernandez was gritty and never stopped coming in and flailing away effectively.

Viruet, a good boxer and also a pretty good puncher, didn't let his man's early work upset him as he came back, with a vicious two fisted attack of his own that had the crowd shouting.

It's beautiful to see a good boxer in action and once Viruet got going he really pulled this one out with a great rally in the final two rounds. . .The two men got quite an ovation.

The winner, who was a little rusty in the early going, not having fought since last August, continued to persevere. He finally broke through to put on a winning performance against the surprising effort on the part of the loser, who was the underdog. . . .Viruet looks as if he could really go places, albeit he and his foe are still comparatively young gladiators. . . The winner's record is now 18-1-2 and the loser's 14-3-1. . . . The beaten man put up a brave front but his opponent was just too crafty and punched a bit faster.

Referee Jimmy Devlin, who worked this ten, had it 7-3 the same as Judge Joe Pushkal while the other judge, Leo Dazzo, had it 7-2-1. . .We were in accord with the officials.

The show got underway with a four spot between Dennis Taglianetti, of Brooklyn, 146 pounds, and Eliezer Negro, from the Bronx, 146¼, with Jimmy Devlin the third man in the ring and an unanimous decision for Taglianetti.

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OSOWIECKI STOPS SANTOS IN FIVE HEATS IN CONN.

By BILLY KOWALCZYK

Hartford, Conn. — Heavyweight Greg Osowiecki of Waterbury absorbed a terrific beating in the first two rounds from Chico Santos, also of Waterbury. Then he came back to KO his opponent in round 5 before the largest crowd recorded since Connecticut's boxing revival.

From the beginning, Greg began bleeding profusely after a left hook opened a deep gash under his right eye, and Santos, sensing an early ending, kept pouring on the punishment with little return as Osowiecki floundered and rocked all over the ring.

But Greg showed what he was really made of when Chico Santos unloaded a right that could have KO'ed an elephant and knocked Greg flat on his back. As the crowd screamed with excitement, Greg mustered his senses and just beat the ten count—the bell rang, and the corner men went to work.

The Commission doctor checked the eye cut and realized Greg was OK, and the bout went to round 2. Osowiecki lost this round in almost the same fashion, and it looked like curtains for the game but outclassed Waterbury warrior.

Then suddenly, the tide turned. Santos began to get careless as Greg started to use his skill by employing a good left jab and a dynamic right cross. By the end of round 3, it was a new contest.

Round 4 was even, with both contestants raging all over the ring. In round 5, Osowiecki, with a 12 pound advantage, at 194, (compared to Chico's 182), out-boxed and outmaneuvred his worn-out foe. Suddenly Greg fired a series of right and left uppercuts to the bent-over Santos, and Chico fell to the canvas for the count.

On the undercard, Bobby Guthridge, of Enfield, showed a lot of promise and power as he hammered out a close 6-round decision over Danny Fryman of Lowell. Both fighters weighed in at 136.

Another slam bang sixer saw Jersey City's Jeff Holmes (146) win an unpopular close decision over Jose Pagon, Lowell, Mass. An Argentinian, Ricardo Camero, 129, won a close 27 to 25 decision over 130-pound Jose Resto, Puerto Rico and New York. This bout was also a six rounder.

Steve Toomey, 143, Waterbury, won a close 4-rounder from Ralph Lopez, Lowell.

DYER, OKLAHOMA CHAMP, SLAIN BY SHOT IN HEAD

By TOM RAY

Oklahoma City, Okla. — Otis Ray Dyer, the welterweight champion of Oklahoma, was slain in an argument here recently. Otis was shot in the left side of his head.

Dyer won the Oklahoma title on Feb. 3, 1970, with a fourth round KO over Phil Carmichael. He had fought notables Rocky Medrano, the former 6th ranked junior welterweight, and Tennessee Champion Tony Gardner. Win, lose or draw, Otis always gave it all he had.

▲Oscar Bonavena, ranking heavyweight, has been suspended by the Oklahoma Commission for failure to abide by a contract with Pat O'Grady Sports Promotions of Oklahoma City. Bonavena signed for two appearances. He made his first appearance then declined to make the second. This action prompted Oklahoma Commissioner John Miskovsky to suspend Bonavena by telegram.

Miskovsky also sent a telegram to Eddie Bohn of the Colorado Commission the Friday prior to the Oscar Bonavena-Ron Lyle bout:

Oklahoma is hopeful that this suspension will be honored in Colorado as we would honor your suspensions here and Bonavena will be prevented from boxing until he fulfills his prior commitment.

The boxing fans in Oklahoma feel that Commissioner Miskovsky was fully justified in his decision and that all boxers that don't should be universally suspended.

AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

(Continued from page 5)

Marcel has retired from boxing. I am sorry to see a fine boxer leave the game and I want to assure him that if he had had a just claim, he would have had a belt prepared for him, too.

The four Panama stars will receive their honors. I am delighted to leave Lieut. Col. Paredes down in Panama, with his "Recreation" label, trying to explain to those four fighters waiting for their belts.

And I am more than concerned because Dr. Cordova has been nominated to succeed Bobby Lee as head of the World Boxing Association.

AMATEUR COACHES RATE AIR FORCE WELLS TOP HEAVYWEIGHT OF U.S.

Columbus, Ohio — Nick Wells, Air Force heavyweight, stands at the top of the national amateur ratings, issued by Dr. Ben Becker for the amateur coaches of America. The complete ratings follow:

HEAVYWEIGHT OVER 178 LBS

1. Nick Wells, U.S. Air Force
2. James Chapman, Los Angeles, Calif.
3. Barry Yeats, Ft. Worth, Texas
4. Clifford Stephens, U.S. Army
5. Leroy Jones, Denver, Colorado
6. Grady Daniels, Sterling, Ill.
7. Tom Cuthbert, Knoxville, Tenn.
8. Woody Clark, Miami, Florida
9. Joe Sideri, Lowell, Mass.
10. Frankie Washington, Mineral Wells, Tex.

LIGHTHEAVY WEIGHT 178 LBS

1. Larry Martin, Kansas City, Mo.
2. Leon Spinks, St. Louis, Mo.
3. Bob Stuart, Amsterdam, N.Y.
4. Augustus Turner, Cleve. O.
5. Frank Williams, Cinn. O.
6. Marvin Camel, South Dakota
7. Gary Strauss, Minneapolis, Minn.
8. Robert Stuart, Lowell, Mass.
9. Risto Bekovich, Knoxville, Tenn.
10. Alvino Manson, Indianapolis, Ind.

MIDDLEWEIGHT 165 LBS

1. Russ Fickling, U.S. Navy
2. Roy Hollis, Los Angeles, Calif.
3. Irvin Hines, Winston Salem, N.C.
4. Don Weaver, Detroit, Mich.
5. Vonzell Johnson, Columbus, O.
6. Melvin Hackett, Trenton, N.J.
7. Tommy Brooks, San Diego, Calif.
8. Oscar Lewis, Kalamazoo, Mich.
9. John Mollo, Chicago, Ill.
10. Adell Miller, Indianapolis, Ind.

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT 156 LBS

1. Harold Beal, Kansas City, Mo.
2. W.R. Taylor, Charlotte, N.C.
3. Richard Keith, Kansas City, Mo.
4. Jerome Bennett, Tacoma, Wash.
5. Tom Sullivan, Portland, Oregon
6. Roger Pelster, Omaha, Neb.
7. Anthony Jones, Cinn. O.
8. James Mitchell, Louisville, Ky.
9. Steve Hughes, Cleve. O.
10. John Rotundo, New York, N.Y.

WELTERWEIGHT 147 LBS

1. Pete Seward, Columbus, O.
2. Clinton Jackson, Knoxville, Tenn.
3. William Tuttle, Palmer Park, Md.
4. J.B. Williamson, Indianapolis, Ind.
5. Robert White, Pittsburg, Pa.
6. Don Morgan, Knoxville, Tenn.
7. Alfred Fletcher, New York, N.Y.
8. Mike Fisher, Portland, Oregon
9. Gary Guiden, Muncie, Ind.
10. Sammy Masias, Miami, Florida

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT 139 LBS

1. Ray Leonard, Palmer Park, Md.
2. Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
3. Floyd Merriweather, Grand Rpds, Mich.
4. Don Nelson, Hartford, Conn.
5. Ronald Florek, Grand Rapids, Mich.
6. John Staggs, Tacoma, Wash.
7. John Sullivan, Portland, Oregon
8. Steve Delgado, USMC
9. Roosevelt Green, Cinn. O.
10. Ronnie Sellers, Maryville, Tenn.

LIGHTWEIGHT 132 LBS

1. James Kenty, Columbus, O.
2. Aaron Pryor, Cinn. O.
3. Robert Alexander, New York, N.Y.
4. Richie Lee Roberts, Miami, Fla.
5. Bruce Thompson, U.S. Navy
6. Rod Holloway, Knoxville, Tenn.
7. Sam Taylor, St. Louis, Mo.
8. Allan Webb, Eugene, Oregon
9. Steve Dement, Lafayette, La.
10. Ronnie Walker, Chicago, Ill.

FEATHERWEIGHT 125 LBS

1. Maurice Watkins, Ft. Worth, Texas
2. Howard Davis, New York, N.Y.
3. Leroy Veasley, U.S. Army
4. Al Armstrong, Tacoma, Wash.
5. Larry Fletcher, Knoxville, Tenn.
6. Ray Theargood, Roswell, New Mex.
7. Art Frias, Los Angeles, Calif.
8. Forrest Winchester, Columbus, O.
9. Juan Hidalgo, Miami, Fla.
10. Alfonso Evans, Trenton, N.J.

BANTAMWEIGHT 119 LBS

1. Mike Hess, Eugene, Oregon
2. Tim Dement, Bossier, La.
3. David Armstrong, Tacoma, Wash.
4. Lloyd Allen, Columbus, O.
5. Mike Johnson, U.S. Navy
6. Greg Lewis, Cinn. O.
7. Dan Hermsillo, Denver, Colorado
8. Tommy Battles, U.S. Air Force
9. Jim Christian, DesMoines, Iowa
10. Tony Anguiano, Milwaukee, Wis.

FLYWEIGHT 112 LBS

1. Richard Rozelle, Columbus, O.
2. Miguel Ayala, Ft. Worth, Tex.
3. Derrick Holmes, Washington, D.C.
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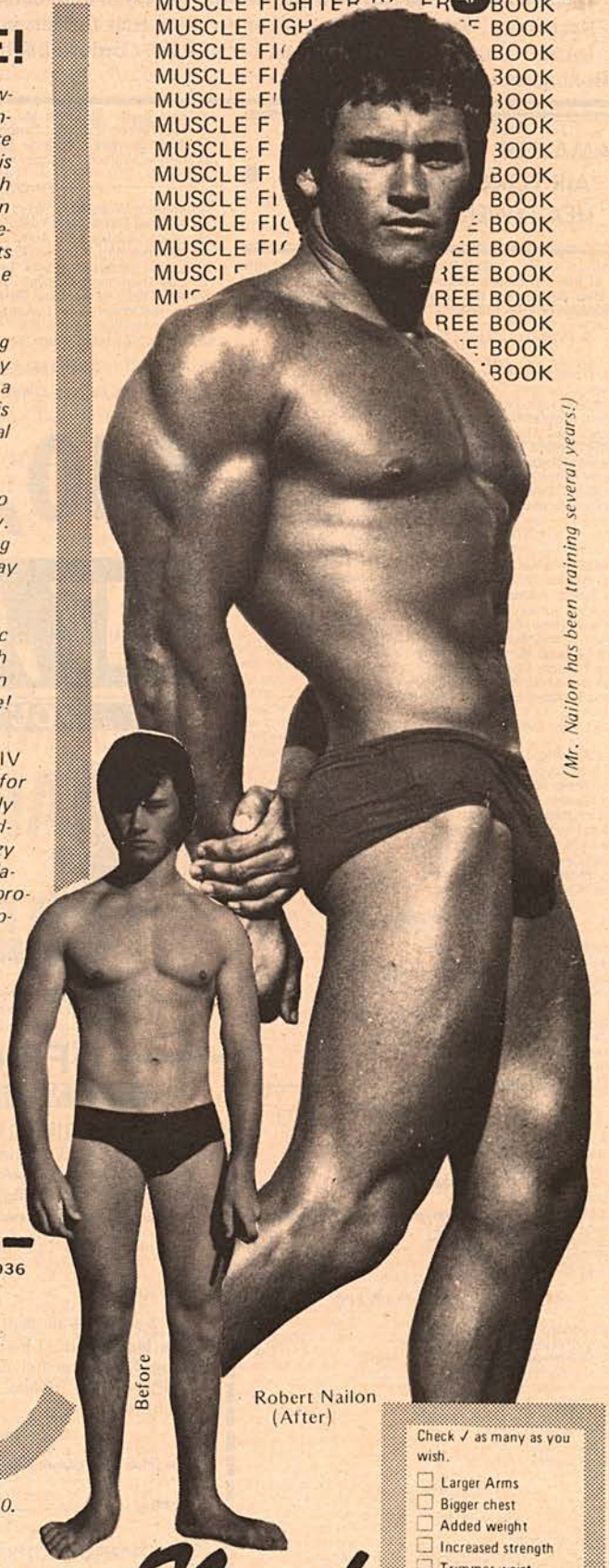

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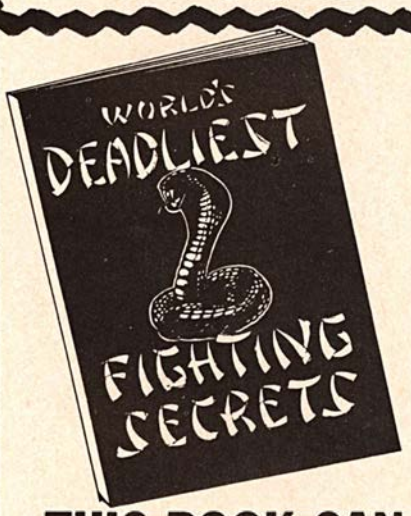

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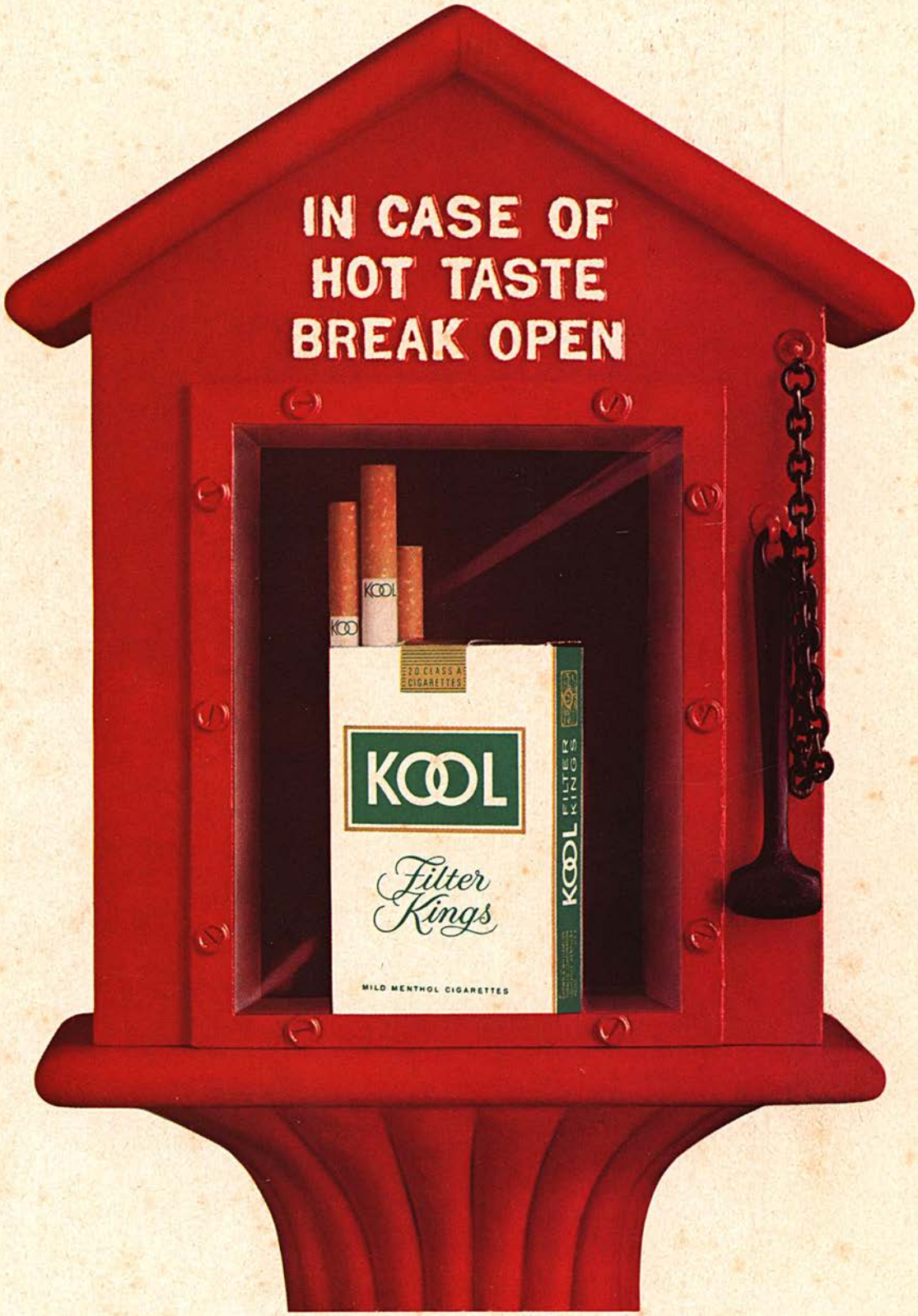

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